SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: January 29, 1997.

ADDRESS: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

- Commodities
- Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). This collection has been submitted under the emergency PRA procedures. 

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration.
Title: Commercial Encryption Items Transferred from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce.
OMB Control Number: n/a.
Form Number: n/a.
Type of Request: New collection—Emergency Review.

Burden: 7,720 Hours.
Number of Respondents: 3,000.
Bureau of the Census

1997 Economic Censuses Classification Report

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information of copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to William Bostic, Bureau of the Census, Room 2641, Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20233-6100 and 301-457-2672 or E-mail at William.Bostic Jr@info.Census.Gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and the economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during non-decennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13 U.S.C., is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the general public.

The 1997 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U.S. economy. The Census Bureau will implement the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in the 1997 Economic Census. The implementation of the NAICS as a replacement for the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system will require contacting businesses to collect classification information to update the 1997 Economic Census mailing lists.

Accurate and reliable industry and geographic codes are critical to the Bureau of Census statistical programs. New businesses are assigned industry classification by the Social Security Administration (SSA). However, many of these businesses in manufacturing and mining cannot be assigned detailed industry codes because insufficient information is provided on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form SS-4. In addition, many of these businesses when matched against the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) classification system cannot be assigned a detailed classification code.

In order to provide detailed manufacturing and mining industry data reflecting NAICS for the 1997 Economic Censuses and the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL), these partially coded businesses must be assigned detailed classification codes. This data collection, Form NC-9926, is designed to obtain detailed classification information for the partially coded single-unit manufacturing and mining industries including changes from the SIC to NAICS and provide current information on physical locations for establishments below the mail cutoff.

The failure to collect this classification information will have an adverse effect on the quality and usefulness of economic statistics and severely hamper the Census Bureau's ability to implement NAICS in the 1997 Economic Censuses.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will select establishments to receive this survey from the Census Bureau's SSEL. The Census Bureau will mail the NC-9926 to single-unit manufacturing and mining establishments to obtain needed four-digit industry codes and subindustry detail for small establishments in selected four-digit industries in the apparel area, Major Groups 22 and 23. In addition, this form will be mailed to small manufacturing and mining establishments which could not be assigned a classification code when matched against the Bureau of Labor Statistics classification system. The NC-9926 will contain a list of 6-digit codes and descriptions. Respondents are to select the activity which best describes their business by checking the box next to the activity listed or describe their principal business activity if no box can be checked.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not Available.
Form Number: NC-9926.
Type of Review: Regular Review.
Affected Public: Small businesses or other small for profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 105,000.
Estimated Total Per Response: 5 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,750.
Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to government for this survey is included in the total cost of the 1997 Economic Census, estimated to be $218 million.
Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 131 and 224.