

the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the 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:

Janitorial/Custodial, VA Outpatient Clinic, Las Vegas, Nevada

NPA: Opportunity Village ARC, Las Vegas, Nevada

Janitorial/Guard Service, VA Outpatient Clinic, Brighton, New York

NPA: Rochester Rehabilitation Center, Rochester, New York

Laundry Service, Cadet Linen Exchange Service, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Laundry Service, U.S. Air Force Academy Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Laundry Service, Cadet Dining Hall, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Laundry Service, Basewide, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Operation of SERVIMART Store, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas

NPA: South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Corpus Christi, Texas

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

1997 National Survey; Proposed Collection

ACTION: Proposed collection; 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 April 15, 1997.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) should be directed to Cleo R. Jenkins, collection instrument(s) should be directed to Cleo R. Jenkins, Bureau of the Census, Room 3125-4, Washington, DC 20233-9150, (301) 457-4994.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The 1997 National Survey is part of the Census Bureau's continuing effort to design Census 2000 mailing packages that are respondent friendly, machine imageable, and cost efficient. Short form mailing packages are sent to the vast majority of the population. These packages request basic information, such as name, sex, date of birth, Hispanic origin, the race of all the household members, and the owner/renter status of the address. Long form mailing packages are sent to only a portion of the population. These packages request additional information over the short form packages, such as information on education, work, disabilities, and housing characteristics. As a result of time constraints, major features of the 1998 Dress Rehearsal mailing packages have been identified and decided upon. The dress rehearsal short form will be a one-page rollfold with icons and messages in reverse print (white text on black background). The long form will be a 32-page booklet with a household roster, and with icons and messages in reverse print. The accompanying envelope will have a reverse-print logo in the upper left-hand corner and the mandatory message with a seal outlined in gold to the left of the address window. Although these mailing packages have been identified as best given the latest research, it is also true that this research is lacking and that important, unanswered questions remain about these designs. Therefore, the 1997 National Survey has been designed to determine the effects of the following:

1. *Icons and benefit messages on both the short and long forms.* Simple icons with short motivating messages in reverse print have been developed for use in the upper corners of the questionnaires. The icons and messages are intended to make respondents feel

good about the census at the very least and encourage response at the best. Although these icons and messages tested relatively well in small-scale, in-house cognitive tests and in targeted focus groups in select cities, we need to ensure that this is true at the national level, especially since literature regarding the use of icons with messages in surveys is non-existent. This survey is designed to determine if icons and messages affect response rates or item non-response rates.

2. *Alternative form structures on the short form.* The forms tested since 1990 have been composed of 17" x 11" sheets of paper stapled together to form 8.5" x 11" page booklets. The newly designed short form is composed of one folded 22" x 11" sheet of paper, which is called a rollfold. Although cognitive research suggests that respondents will be more likely to correctly operate a booklet than a rollfold, booklets are also more expensive to process than rollfolds. Therefore, a test of these trade-offs is needed. This survey is designed to determine if alternative form structures affect response rates or the consistency between the household question and data-defined persons.

3. *A "household count" question versus a household roster on the long form.* The results of the National Content Survey showed that a household roster on the short form does not improve household coverage over a form that contains a "household count" question. However, no testing of a rostered vs. a no-roster form was conducted with the long form. Although the decision has been made to use a rostered long form for the 1998 Dress Rehearsal, questions about whether it will improve coverage or not remain. This survey is designed to compare the item non-response rates between the roster vs. the "household count" question, the consistency in data between the two, and the differences in average household size for the two forms.

4. *A comparison with past tests on the short form.* In light of the dramatic changes that are being incorporated into the 1998 Dress Rehearsal short form mailing package (i.e., new one-sheet format, one-column panels, type of fold, color, and envelope design), it is important that we maintain a benchmark to determine whether the collective effect of these changes continues to move us forward on both response rate and item nonresponse. Therefore, we propose to include the highest performing short form mailing package we have tested to date (Form 1G from the National Content Survey).

5. *Alternative envelope designs on the short form.* We have made some changes in the design of the envelope subsequent to a mailout test (the Appeals and Long Form Experiment) conducted in 1993, in which we learned that a box on the outgoing envelope stating that response is required by law results in an increase of about 10 percentage points in mail response. Although respondents in cognitive interviews and focus groups like the new envelope, it needs to be tested against a known response enhancer, to make sure that the new design does not negatively affect response rates.

The 1997 National Survey is designed to compare the performance of five short form mailing packages: (1) the dress rehearsal mailing package (a one-page rollfold with icons and logo envelope) will serve as the control; (2) the dress rehearsal mailing package *without icons*; (3) the dress rehearsal mailing package as a *booklet*; (4) a slightly modified version of Form DS-1G from the National Content Survey along with the original government envelope; and (5) the dress rehearsal form and original government envelope. The 1997 National Survey will also compare the performance of three long forms: (1) The dress rehearsal form (a 32-page booklet with a household roster and icons) will serve as the control; (2) the dress rehearsal form *without roster*; and (3) the dress rehearsal form *without icons*.

II. Method of Collection

The 1997 National Survey will be a one time mailout/mailback test, consisting of the following independent mailing pieces: a pre-notice letter, a test questionnaire with postage-paid return envelope, a reminder card, and a replacement questionnaire. There will be no telephone or enumeration follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Numbers: Short form: DV-1A, DV-1B, DV-1C, DV-1D, DV-1E Long form: DV-2A, DV-2B, DV-2C.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: There will be a total of 8 panels, each containing 5,000 respondents. Five panels will receive the short form. Three panels will receive the long form.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes/short form, 38 minutes/long form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,667 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$650,000.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141 and 193.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a.) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b.) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c.) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (d.) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 10, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 5-97]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Durant, Oklahoma; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc., (an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation), to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in the City of Durant, Oklahoma, at a site that is within 90 miles of the Dallas/Fort Worth Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on January 30, 1997. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 of the

First Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature.

The proposed zone is located in southeastern Oklahoma, approximately 10 miles north of the Oklahoma-Texas border. The closest Customs port of entry is Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. The proposed site is situated on 30 acres within the 280-acre Texoma Industrial Park near U.S. Highway 69/75 in Durant. The property is owned by the City of Durant. The closest existing zone project in Oklahoma is at Oklahoma City some 150 miles to the north.

The application contains evidence of the need for zone services in the Durant area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures within the proposed project for-2-warehousing/distribution activity. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. Requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on March 6, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., at the Robert L. Williams Public Library, 323 West Beech, Durant, Oklahoma 74701.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is March 21, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 7, 1997.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the following locations:

Office of Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc., 422 Cessna, Durant, Oklahoma 74701

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: February 7, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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