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Connie Corley,

Associate Director for Administration.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, June 13, 1997, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, N.W., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 1997
- III. Announcements
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 - District of Columbia: Residential Mortgage Lending Discrimination
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 - Washington: Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice System
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- X. Discussion of the Staff Draft GPRA Strategic Plan
- XI. Future Agenda Items

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Barbara Brooks, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312.

Stephanie Y. Moore,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (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).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration.

Title: Commercial Encryption Items Transferred from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce.

Agency Form Number: BXA-748P.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0104.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 7,720 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 2 and 40 hours depending on the reporting and/or recordkeeping requirement.

Needs and Uses: The information required is needed to support export license applications to export or reexport encryption items. The associated rulemaking describes licensing policies for different categories of encryption items and establishes criteria for "key" recovery. Without the information, licensing decisions could not be made.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

1997 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and 1997 Survey of Women-Owned Businesses (WOB); Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paper work 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 August 5, 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 and instructions should be directed to Valerie Strang, Bureau of the Census, AGFS, Iverson Mall 300-15, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-5726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 1997 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and the 1997 Survey of Women-Owned Businesses (WOB). They are the only comprehensive, regularly collected sources of information on businesses owned by minorities and women. They are conducted as part of the economic census program which is required by law to be taken every 5 years under Title 13 of the United States Code, Sections 131, 193, and 224.

Businesses will be eligible to be selected for this survey if they reported any business activity on any one of the following 1997 Internal Revenue Service tax forms: 1040 (Schedule C), "Profit or Loss from Business" (Sole Proprietorship); 1065, "U.S. Partnership Return of Income"; 1120S, "U.S. Income Tax Return for an 'S' Corporation"; or any one of the 1120 tax forms. Businesses will be asked questions about the gender, race, and ethnicity of the person(s) owning majority interest in the business.

Within the last two months, 188 of our primary data users, including state and local governments, were canvassed to solicit their comments on proposed changes to the 1997 SMOBE/WOB programs. The proposed changes, summarized below, address the shortcomings of the 1992 data and reflect, where feasible, comments received from the data users canvassed.

- Expand survey to include all corporations.

In 1992, only subchapter "S" corporations in addition to partnerships and sole proprietorships were included for SMOBE. A small sample of "C" corporations was included in WOB to provide estimates at the industry division level only. A subchapter "S"

corporation is a special IRS designation for a legally incorporated business with 35 or fewer shareholders who elect to be taxed as individual shareholders rather than as a corporation. Approximately 2.5 million "C" corporations, accounting for 75 percent of all U.S. business receipts, were not included in 1992. A "C" corporation is a legally incorporated business under state laws which, unlike a subchapter S corporation, has no restrictions on the number of shareholders required to qualify. While adding these corporations to the 1997 program will increase overall respondent burden, their inclusion will provide a more complete coverage of women- and minority-owned businesses. The increase in burden resulting from the tax law change in 1996 which raised the allowable number of stockholders for subchapter "S" corporations to 75 is not separately estimated. Including "C" corporations will also allow us to track the true change in minority participation better in the future, since the survey results will not be impacted by changes in tax laws that affect who is likely to be a "C" or "S" corporation.

- Redefine the reporting unit to be the entire company.

The SMOBE/WOB survey has historically defined a business as an entity that files a business income tax return. Businesses that have submitted an application for and received one or more employer identification (EI) numbers may have filed tax returns under more than one of these EIs. In past SMOBE/WOB surveys, each EI was treated as a separate business. For the 1997 survey, we propose to define all operations under the same ownership as one company or business, irrespective of the number of EIs the company has. We believe this definition is more appropriate for counting businesses. Furthermore, it will eliminate surveying the same business owner more than once. This change will have no effect on the receipts, employment, and payroll data for the survey, but will slightly reduce the count for the number of businesses. However, using administrative data, we should be able to provide 1997 firm counts on a basis comparable to 1992.

- Determine minority/women ownership based on gender/race/ethnicity of the person(s) owning majority interest in the business, rather than on the simple majority of the number of owners, without regard to percentage of interest owned.

Minority/women ownership of a business has historically been based on the gender/race/ethnicity of the majority of shareholders/partners, regardless of

their percent of ownership in the business. Businesses with 50 percent or more women/minority owners have in the past been included in the women/minority business counts. For example, a business with two female owners and one male owner was counted as a woman-owned business, even if the male owned 90 percent of the interest in the business. With this proposed change, it would not be a woman-owned business.

Businesses owned by a male and female, filing a joint tax return, were generally counted as female-owned, unless additional administrative data were available to determine otherwise. With this proposal, a separate tabulation will be made for those sharing equal interest in the business and will not be counted as female-owned. Only businesses in which women own a 51 percent or greater interest will be counted as WOB. This may cause a substantial decrease in the number of women-owned businesses. However, this method should provide results more consistent with business assistance programs and affirmative action directives.

We are still examining how best to count businesses in which ownership is split by race/ethnicity with no single racial/ethnic group having majority interest. Please provide any recommendations regarding how these businesses should be tabulated.

The following proposed reduction in coverage will help offset the increased costs of expanding coverage to all corporations:

- Change the level of business receipts required for inclusion in the surveys from \$500 to \$1,000.

The 1992 program included virtually all nonfarm businesses, including all businesses and persons with receipts from self-employment of more than \$500. Increasing the receipts level from \$500 to \$1,000 will reduce the total number of businesses by approximately 10 percent, but reduce receipts totals by only \$1 million or one-fourth of a percent.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use a mailout/mailback survey form to collect the data. The questionnaires will be mailed from our processing headquarters in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Three mail follow-ups will be conducted at approximately one-month intervals. Upon closeout of the survey, the response data will be edited and reviewed.

III. Data

OMB Number: [not available].

Form Numbers: One form will be used: MB97-1, Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Large and small businesses, other for-profit organizations and nonprofit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.5 million. This 108 percent increase is due to the demand placed upon us to provide complete coverage of minority- and women-owned businesses; the need for reliable estimates at the state level by 2-digit SIC code; and better estimates for American Indian-owned businesses. In the past, "C" corporations have been excluded from the business universe and, therefore, the total number of minority- and women-owned businesses has been understated.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is 10 minutes or less.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: The total estimated burden is 416,666 hours. This increase over 1992 is due to the addition of "C" corporations to provide detailed comprehensive estimates for both women- and minority-owned businesses; and the need for reliable estimates at the state level by 2-digit SIC code, and better estimates for American Indian-owned businesses. However, the average response time per respondent is only 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Cost: Included in the total cost of the 1997 Economic Census, estimated to be \$218 million.

The cost to all respondents for their time to respond is \$5,304,258. The cost is calculated by multiplying the annual burden hours (416,666) by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' 1993 estimate (\$499 for a 39.2 hour work week) for a private industry entry level accountant.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 193, and 224.

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 shall 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 or 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To Collect Information on the Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and Other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights Between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons

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 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 August 5, 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 and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BE-93 Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and Other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights Between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons will obtain data on transactions in intangible property rights between U.S. and unaffiliated foreign persons in 1997 and subsequent years. The data are necessary for compiling monthly estimates of U.S. international transactions in goods and services, the U.S. balance of payments,

and the national income and product accounts. The data also will support U.S. trade policy initiatives, including trade negotiations.

To bring the annual BE-93 survey into conformity with current international standards, coverage of general use computer software royalties and license fees is being moved to the BE-93 from the BE-22 Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be sent to potential respondents in January and responses are due on March 31, each year following the year covered by the survey. All U.S. persons whose total receipts from, or total payments to, unaffiliated foreign persons for intangible rights equaled or exceeded \$500,000 during the covered year are required to report. A U.S. person that receives a form but is not required to report data must file an exemption claim.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0016.

Form Number: BE-93.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: U.S. businesses and other persons receiving royalties and license fees from, or paying royalties and license fees to, unaffiliated foreign persons.

Estimated Number of Responses: 550.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 2,200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$66,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 2,200 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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 has 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 or 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: June 2, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons

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 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 August 5, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BE-22 Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons will obtain data on transactions in selected services between U.S. and unaffiliated foreign persons in 1997 and subsequent years. The data from this survey will update the results of the 1996 BE-20 benchmark survey of selected services, and will provide sample data for the derivation of universe estimates for years between quinquennial benchmark surveys. The information obtained from the survey is critically needed for tracking international transactions in new, growing, and volatile categories of services. The data are necessary for compiling monthly estimates of U.S. international transactions in goods and services, the U.S. balance of payments,