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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Survey of Program Dynamics—1998

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 18, 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 Michael McMahon, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3387, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 457-3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD) is a household-based survey designed as a data collection vehicle that can provide the basis for an overall evaluation of how well welfare reforms are achieving the aims of the Administration and the Congress, and meeting the needs of the American people.

The SPD will be a large, longitudinal, nationally-representative study that measures participation in welfare programs, including both programs that are being reformed and those that remain unchanged. The SPD will also measure other important social, economic, demographic, and family changes that will allow analysis of the effectiveness of the welfare reforms.

With the August 22, 1996 signing of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193), the Census Bureau is

required to conduct the SPD, using as the sample the households from the 1992 and 1993 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The information obtained will be used to evaluate the impact of this law on a sample of previous welfare recipients and future recipients of assistance under new state programs funded under this law as well as assess the impact on other low-income families. Issues of particular attention include welfare dependency, the length of welfare spells, the causes of repeat welfare spells, educational enrollment and work training, health care utilization, out-of-wedlock births, and the status of children.

The first interview for the SPD was a bridge survey conducted in the spring of 1997. The bridge survey will provide a link to baseline data for the period prior to the implementation of the welfare reform activities.

II. Method of Data Collection

The SPD is a longitudinal study of welfare-related activities, with the sample respondents originally selected from 1992 and 1993 SIPP panels. Interviews were conducted in a bridge survey in 1997. Data collection will be conducted from 1998 to 2001. Data will be collected using a Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) automated questionnaire instrument, from a nationally representative sample of the noninstitutionalized resident population living in the U.S. for all persons, families, and households. Persons who are at least 15 years of age at the time of the interview will be eligible to be in the survey. A separate interview will be obtained for each adolescent member, ages 12 to 17, of our sample households. The adolescent interview will be administered by audio-cassette, while the adolescent records the answers in a paper answer booklet.

A small sample of households will be selected for reinterview. The reinterview process assures that all households were properly contacted, and that the data are valid.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0838.

Form Number: CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Household Respondents: 42,000.

Estimated Number of Adolescent Respondents: 7,800.

Estimated Number of Reinterview Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per respondent (60 minutes per household), 30 minutes per adolescent aged 12-17 years, 10 minutes per reinterview.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,150.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: No costs to the respondents other than their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Section 182 and Public Law 104-193, Section 414 (signed 8/22/96) Title 42 United States Code, Section 614.

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 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 of OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On September 2, 1997 CINSA, S.A. de C.V. and Esmaltaciones de Norte America, S.A. de C.V. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade