

**BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP
AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 pm, Wednesday,
October 29, 1997.

PLACE: SDG-59, Dirksen Senate Office
Building, Washington, DC 20510.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the
public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Review and approval of the minutes of the March 12, 1997 Board of Trustees meeting.
2. Report on end of fiscal year financial status of the Foundation endowment fund.
 - A. Review of investment policy and current portfolio.
3. Discussion of the proposed 1998/99 scholarship competition.
4. Other Business brought before the Board of Trustees.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Gerald J. Smith,

President.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

**Report of Privately-Owned Building or
Zoning Permits Issued (Building
Permits Survey)**

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 December 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) and instructions should be directed to Linda P. Hoyle, Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2105, FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 457-1321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Bureau of the Census produces statistics used to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. Given the importance of this industry, several of the statistical series are key economic indicators. Two such series are (a) Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits and (b) Housing Starts. Both are based on data from samples of permit-issuing places. These statistics help state and local governments and the Federal Government, as well as private industry, to analyze this important sector of the economy.

The Bureau of the Census uses Form C-404 to collect data to provide estimates of the number and valuation of new residential housing units authorized by building permits. We use the data, a component of the index of leading economic indicators, to estimate the number of housing units started, completed, and sold, if single-family, and to select samples for the Census Bureau's demographic surveys. Policymakers, planners, businessmen/women, and others use the detailed geographic data collected from state and local officials on new residential construction authorized by building permits to monitor growth and plan for local services, and to develop production and marketing plans. The Building Permits Survey is the only source of statistics on residential construction for states and smaller geographic areas.

We are making the following changes to the form:

- a. No longer collect data on publicly-owned construction authorized by building permits because we no longer need these data.
- b. Combined two separate items, single-family houses attached and single-family houses detached, into one item because we no longer needed to collect these data separately.
- c. We deleted one question, "Are you aware of any new permit-issuing jurisdictions?" because we no longer need this information.

We will collect data for new residential nonhousekeeping buildings; new nonresidential buildings; additions, alterations, and conversions; and demolitions and razing of buildings only through a reimbursable agreement.

If we do not get that agreement, we will collect data for only new privately-owned residential buildings authorized by building permits.

II. Method of Collection

We collect this information by mail and electronically through files we download or receive on diskettes.

Monthly, we collect this information by mail for 8,170 permit-issuing jurisdictions and electronically for 550 jurisdictions. Annually, we collect this information by mail for 10,180 jurisdictions.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0094.

Form Number: C-404.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State and local

governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
18,900.

Estimated Time Per Response: 16 minutes for monthly respondents who report by mail, 3 minutes for monthly respondents who report electronically, and 25 minutes for annual respondents who report by mail.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30,716.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: We estimate that the cost to the respondents to provide the data will be \$438,636 based on an average hourly salary of \$14.65¹ for state and local government employees.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

¹ Taken from the Census Bureau's Annual Survey of State and Local Government Employment.