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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

1998 American Community Survey—Group Quarters Screening Operation

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 February 10, 1998.

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 John Paletta, Bureau of the Census, Room 3715-3, Washington, DC 20230, (301) 457-4269.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The 1998 American Community Survey (ACS) is currently underway. ACS data are being collected under OMB approval number 0607-0810. Data

from the ACS will determine the feasibility of a continuous measurement system that provides socioeconomic data on a continual basis throughout the decade. The Census Bureau must provide a sample of persons residing in Group Quarters (GQs) the opportunity to be interviewed for the ACS. GQs include places such as student dorms, correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, and military quarters. Obtaining information from the GQ will ensure that we include the necessary people residing at the GQ in the 1998 ACS.

A GQ screening operation was conducted in conjunction with 1997 ACS activities. This request revises the existing GQ clearance for use in the 1998 ACS. Major changes include the following. In 1997 we screened a sample of the GQs in only one ACS test site. In 1998 we will screen a sample of the GQs in eight of the ACS test sites. In 1997 we tested three versions of the questionnaire, Form ACS-2 (GQ), 1997 ACS GQ Facility Questionnaire, and allocated them among the sample GQs according to whether the GQ was to be enumerated by personal visit only, a combination of personal visit and mail, or by mail only. In 1998 we will use only one version of the questionnaire, Form ACS-2 (GQ), 1998 ACS GQ Screening.

We will telephone a sample of GQs in the 1998 ACS test sites. We will verify/update information such as GQ name, address, phone number, and type. We will screen to determine if the residents stay for less than 30 days and have another place to live. If so, the GQ will be classified as out-of-scope for ACS interviewing. If the GQ is in-scope, we will screen to determine if we can complete ACS interviews of the GQ residents by mail, thus saving the expense of personal visits. We will obtain a list of rooms and/or residents from which we can select a sample. All ACS interviewing will be conducted under OMB clearance number 0607-0810.

II. Method of Collection

Telephone interviews will be conducted from Census Bureau's processing center in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0836.

Form Number: ACS-2 (GQ).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals,

Businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500 GQs in the 1998 ACS test sites.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes (.167 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 84 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The group quarters screening is part of the 1998 American Community Survey, the cost of which is estimated to be 16.6 million dollars. There is no cost to respondents, other than that of their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S. Code, 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.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Survey of Income and Program Participation Wave 8 of the 1996 Panel

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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