

In this request, we are revising the data collection form to improve the kind-of-business codes based on the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). This includes the collection of additional information on method of selling which is a key component of ensuring correct NAICS classification. We do not expect these inquiries to increase overall reporting burden.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: One time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

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 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 26, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

2000 Evaluation of DARPA Communicator Systems

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 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Gregory A. Sanders, Ph.D., National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8940, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In 2000, NIST will perform evaluations of Communicator implementations, as part of the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) Communicator program. Using the Communicator involves task-based spoken dialogue with the system. The evaluations that are to be performed are intended to achieve three goals. First, to help implementors of Communicator programs to identify the successes and weaknesses of their implementations. Second, to enable the research sponsors to identify and measure progress in order to assess the success of the program. Third, to advance the state of research knowledge about metrics and evaluation of task-based dialogue systems. The proposed evaluations will be performed with paid research subjects, who will each use the implementations to perform tasks representative of the tasks that Communicator systems are intended to perform. As part of the evaluation, the paid research subjects will be asked to respond to a user questionnaire that is intended to assess the subjects' user-satisfaction and their subjective opinions about various aspects of each system that are being objectively measured. The subjects are being paid to complete the questionnaire, and they will not be paid if they do not complete the questionnaire.

The user-questionnaire will enable us to study correlations of various objective metrics with the users' satisfaction and the users' subjective opinions.

II. Method of Collection

Most questions will be Likert-scale type items (items consisting of a statement with the requested response being a choice on a scale running from "fully agree" through "fully disagree"). We anticipate that the research subject users will read and respond to the questions on paper or else by using a web browser.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: The research subjects (who will be adult persons, with any American accent and no speech impediment, who are familiar with the task domain).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 360.

Estimated Time per Response: Less than 10 minutes per questionnaire.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 60 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures required).

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

Dated: October 22, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of correction to a public meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has