

necessary support services to the Advisory Committee. The duties of the Advisory Committee will be solely advisory; determinations of actions to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to matters upon which the Advisory Committee provides advice or recommendations shall be made solely by the Commission.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Room 432, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, on February 4, 2000; February 25, 2000; March 31, 2000; and April 28, 2000. Meetings of the Advisory Committee will be open to the public. Meetings of subgroups of the full Advisory Committee will likely occur more frequently. Subgroups will report to the Advisory Committee only. The Advisory Committee will present its written report describing options for implementing reasonable access to, and adequate security for, personal information collected online, and the costs and benefits of each option, by May 15, 2000. The Advisory Committee will conclude its work on May 31, 2000.

Fifteen days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, a copy of the Advisory Committee's charter will be filed with the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the United States Senate, and the Committee on Commerce of the United States House of Representatives. A copy of the charter will also be furnished to the Library of Congress and posted on the Commission's Web site at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). The charter will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and Federal Trade Commission regulations, 16 CFR 4.9, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

The Commission will provide additional information about Advisory Committee meetings, including meeting times and agendas, in the **Federal Register** and on the Commission's Web site, [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

### 3. Nominations for Advisory Committee Membership

The Advisory Committee will include approximately thirty members who are appointed for a limited term, to begin on February 4, 2000, and to end on May 31, 2000, and who serve at the discretion of the Commission. In selecting Advisory Committee members, the agency will appoint individuals who can represent effectively the broad range of interests

affected by commercial Web sites' collection of personal information from and about online consumers, including online businesses, trade associations, privacy and consumer groups, and experts in interactive technology.

Nominees should have expertise in the issues and/or technologies relevant to the implementation of fair information practices by commercial Web sites. Nominees must be able to attend all Advisory Committee meetings and to participate in good faith in the tasks undertaken by the Advisory Committee. Members of the Committee will serve without compensation and will bear the cost of their own travel-related expenses. Employees of the United States Government are not eligible to serve as members of the Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee members will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. The individual's participation would promote a balance of points of views represented and functions to be performed by the Advisory Committee.
2. The individual has expertise in or knowledge of the issues that are the focus of the Advisory Committee's work.
3. The individual adequately reflects the views of the relevant affected interest(s).

Interested persons may nominate themselves or others for Advisory Committee membership. Nominations should include a summary of the nominee's qualifications and of the interests he or she can represent and should be submitted in the form and manner described above on or before January 5, 2000. At its discretion, the agency may also appoint Advisory Committee members according to the above criteria in order to insure that committee membership is balanced in terms of points of view and that the relevant interests are represented. The agency will notify members of their selection as soon as possible after January 20, 2000.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Expansion of Small Business Participation in Ten (10) Targeted Industry Categories Under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration (GSA) is publishing its revised list of the ten (10) targeted industry categories for expanded small business participation in acquisitions. Title VII of the "Business Opportunity Development Reform Act of 1988" (Public Law 100-656) required GSA to implement a program to expand small business participation in the agency's acquisitions of selected products and services in 10 industry categories where historically small business participation had been low despite adequate numbers of small business contractors in the economy. Criteria for determining products and services in the ten (10) targeted industry categories were (1) the products or services were purchased in substantial quantities by the Federal Government, (2) less than ten (10) percent annually was purchased from small business concerns, and (3) the industries had significant amounts of small business productive capacity that had not been utilized by the Government. The Small Business Credit and Business Opportunity Enhancement Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-366) extended the program through September 30, 1996. In 1997, the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997, was enacted into law. As a result, the program is extended indefinitely. GSA's past participation in awarding contracts to small businesses in selected industry categories targeted for expansion has been successful by either meeting or exceeding 10 percent. Therefore, GSA recognized the need to select ten (10) new targeted industry categories. The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) directed agencies in the **Federal Register** dated June 2, 1999, to publish an announcement to solicit public comments on its agency program for expansion of small business participation in the targeted categories. GSA's program includes the following selected targeted industry categories:

SIC	Description
2392 ..	House Furnishings.
2393 ..	Mattresses and Bedsprings.
2621 ..	Paper Mills.
2656 ..	Sanitary Food Containers.

SIC	Description
2679 ..	Converted Paper Products.
3519 ..	Internal Combustion Engines.
3631 ..	Household Cooking Equipment.
3633 ..	Household Laundry Equipment.
3951 ..	Pens and Mechanical Pencils.
4813 ..	Telephone Communications (Except Radio).

**DATES:** Public comments on GSA's program for expansion of small business participation in the above targeted categories should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before January 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail comments to General Services Administration, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4027, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cecelia L. Davis, GSA Acquisition Policy Division, (202) 219-0202.

Dated: December 16, 1999.

**J. Les Davison,**

*Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), formerly known as the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is planning to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow a proposed information collection of the "1999-2001 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component (MEPS-IC)" In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 13, 1999 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the OMB Desk Office at the following address: Alison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, 20503.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia D. McMichael, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-3132.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Proposed Project

*"1999-2001 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component (MEPS-IC)."*

The MEPS-IC, an annual survey of the characteristics of employer-sponsored health insurance, was first conducted by AHRQ in 1997, seeking data pertaining to the calendar year 1996. The survey has since been conducted annually for calendar years 1997 and 1998.

This survey will be conducted for AHRQ by the Bureau of the Census using a sample comprised of:

1. Employers selected from Census Bureau lists of private sector employers and government employers (known as the List Sample); and
2. Employers identified by respondents to the MEPS-Household Component (MEPS-HC) for the same calendar year (known as the Household Sample).

Data to be collected from each employer will include a description of the business (e.g., size, industry) and description of health insurance plans available, plan enrollments, total plan costs and costs to employees.

#### Data Confidentiality Provisions

The MEPS-IC List Sample data confidentiality is protected under section 9 of Title 13, United States Code (the U.S. Census Bureau statute). MEPS-IC Household Sample data confidentiality is protected under sections 308(d) and 903(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m and 42 U.S.C. 299a-1). Section 308(d), the confidentiality statute of the National Center for Health Statistics, is applicable because the MEPS-HC sample is derived from respondents of an earlier NCHS survey. Section 903(c) is the confidentiality statute that applies to all identifiable data collected pursuant to AHRQ's statutory

authorities. All data products listed below must fully comply with the data confidentiality statute under which the raw data was collected.

#### Data Products

Data will be produced in three forms: (1) Files derived from the Household Sample, which can be linked back to other information from household respondents in the MEPS-HC; (2) files containing employer information from the List Sample (available for use by researchers at the Census Bureau's Research Data Centers); and (3) a large compendium of tables of estimates based on the List Sample (available on the AHRQ website). These tables will contain descriptive statistics, such as, numbers of establishments offering health insurance, average premiums, average contributions, total enrollments, numbers of self insured establishments and other related statistics for a large number of population subsets defined by firm size, state, industry and establishment characteristics, such as, age, profit/nonprofit status and union/nonunion.

The data are intended to be used for purposes such as:

- Generating national and State estimates of employer health care offerings;
- Producing estimates to support the Bureau of Economic Analysis within the Department of Commerce and the Health Care Financing Administration in their respective calculations of health care expenditures for the Gross Domestic Product and National Health Accounts (annual totals for various categories of health care expenditures for the United States);
- Producing national and State estimates of spending on employer-sponsored health insurance to study the results of national and State health care policies;
- Supplying data for modeling the demand for health insurance; and
- Providing data on health plan choices, costs, and benefits that can be linked back to households' use of health care resources as were reported in the MEPS-HC survey for studies of the consumer health care selection process.

These data will provide the basis for researchers to address important questions for the benefit of employers and policymakers alike.

#### Method of Collection

The data will be collected using a combination of modes. The Census Bureau's first contact with employers will be made by telephone.

This contact will solicit and gather information on the availability of health