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BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice

TIME AND DATE: 2 pm, Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

PLACE: Cannon House 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 15th, 2000 Board of Trustees meeting.
2. Report on financial status of the Foundation fund—
 - A. Review of investment policy and current portfolio.
 3. Report on results of Scholarship Review Panel—
 - A. Discussion and consideration of scholarship candidates.
 - B. Selection of Goldwater Scholars.
 4. Other Business brought before the Board of Trustees.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gerald J. Smith, President, Telephone: (703) 756-6012.

Gerald J. Smith,
President.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of Human Resources Management

Commerce Opportunities On-Line (COOL)

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and

other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, 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 April 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Thomas R. Kreider, Computer Specialist, (301) 457-6610, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of Employment, Diversity and Classification Programs, 14th & Constitution Ave, NW., Room 5004, Washington, DC 20230, or via e-mail to tkreider@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

Commerce Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is a web-based software system that automates the vacancy announcement, application intake, application evaluation, and application referral processes, for positions in the Department of Commerce (DOC).

In the current employment environment qualified job applicants for federal positions are in great demand. The DOC is in direct competition with private industry for the same caliber of candidates with the requisite knowledge and skills to fulfill the mission of the DOC. Consequently, it is imperative that every available technology be employed if the DOC is to remain competitive and meet hiring goals. The information provided by a job applicant will assist the Human Resources Specialists and hiring managers in determining whether an applicant meets the basic qualification requirements and is best qualified for the position being filled. In addition, the electronic transmission will expedite the hiring process by reducing the time used in application evaluation, candidate referral and selection, and in the recruitment paperwork distribution/workflow process.

COOL will provide the DOC with a more user-friendly on-line employment application process and will enable the DOC to process hiring actions in a more efficient and timely manner. The on-line application will provide an electronic real time candidate list that will allow the DOC to review applications from applicants almost instantaneously. Given the immediate hiring needs of the DOC, time consumed in the mail distribution system or paper review of applications delays the decision-making process by several weeks. The implementation of the COOL electronic application will result in increased speed and accuracy in the employment process. It will also streamline labor and reduce costs.

The use of the COOL on-line application fully meets the intent of 5 U.S.C. 2301, which requires that Federal personnel management be implemented consistent with merit system principles.

Since the COOL on-line application will be used as an alternative form of employment application, the collection and use of the information requires Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval as outlined in Section 6.1 of the Delegated Examining Operations Handbook. The Handbook provides guidance to agencies under a delegated examining authority by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 1104.

II. Method of Collection

Application information is collected electronically from the applicant through COOL. Applicants may contact the DOC web site on the Internet where they will find the COOL on-line application and can fill out and submit the form electronically while connected to the web site. Applicants who do not have access to a personal computer are directed to the servicing Human Resources Office for a paper version of the COOL announcement and application.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0690-0019.
Type of Review: Regular collection.
Affected Public: Individuals or households and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,832 respondents per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated that, depending on the situation, it could take as little as 10

minutes or as long as two hours to complete the on-line application. This is determined by the nature of the position for which the applicant is applying, and whether this is the applicant's first application in COOL, or if he or she already has a resume completed in COOL, which automatically fills in approximately 75% of the application's fields. On average, the time to complete the on-line application is estimated to be 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 32,832 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$820,800 per year.

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 will 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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 16, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economics and Statistics Administration

Census Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), we are giving notice of the following Census Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings:

- The CACs on the African American Population, the American Indian and

Alaska Native Populations, the Asian Population, the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations, and the Hispanic Population to be held on March 14, 2001.

- The Joint CAC meeting of the CACs on Race and Ethnic Populations, the CAC of Professional Associations, and the Decennial CAC to be held on March 15, 2001.

- The Decennial CAC meeting to be held on March 16, 2001.

The Joint Advisory Committee Meeting on March 15 will discuss the Census Bureau's Executive Steering Committee on the Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation Policy's recommendation on whether or not to release statistically adjusted Pub. L. 94-171 data products for redistricting. The meetings on March 14 and 16 will discuss selected Census 2000 evaluations and provide opportunities for the Committees to hold working groups on decennial planning issues. We are still finalizing the other details of the meetings' agendas.

DATES: On Wednesday, March 14, 2001, the meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. On Thursday, March 15, 2001, the meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 5:15 p.m. On Friday, March 16, 2001, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3631, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone: (301) 457-2070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CACs on the African American Population, American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian Population, the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations, and the Hispanic Population are composed of nine members each, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committees advise the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, and provide an organized and continuing channel of communication between the communities they represent and the Census Bureau on issues concerning race and ethnicity and on issues related to the 2010 Decennial Census, the American Community Survey (ACS), and related programs.

The CAC of Professional Associations is composed of 36 members, appointed by the Presidents of the American Economic Association, the American Statistical Association, the Population Association of America, and the Chairman of the Board of the American

Marketing Association. The Committee advises the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities in relation to the areas of expertise.

The Decennial Census Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice Chair, and up to 40 member organizations, each appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee considers the goals of the decennial census and users' needs for information provided by that census. The Committee advises the Secretary of Commerce on policy, research, technological-related issues for the design of the 2010 decennial census, the ACS, and other related programs.

A brief period will be set aside for public comment. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting.

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer on (301) 457-2070, TDD (301) 457-2540.

Dated: February 14, 2000.

James Lee Price,

Acting Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Economics and Statistics Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-824]

Polyvinyl Alcohol From Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Fourth Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of fourth antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request by Chang Chun Petrochemical Co., Ltd.,¹ a producer and exporter of polyvinyl alcohol from Taiwan, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyvinyl

¹ On January 19, 2001, counsel for Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. ("the petitioner") stated that the petitioner's PVA business was sold to Celanese Ltd.