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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: April 26, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Generic Clearance for Customer Satisfaction Surveys

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 July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork 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 or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joanne Dickinson, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Room 3015-3, Washington, DC 20233-0800, and 301-457-4081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the generic clearance to

conduct customer satisfaction research surveys which may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups or personal interviews.

The Census Bureau has ranked a customer focused environment as one of its most important strategic planning objectives. The Bureau routinely needs to collect and analyze customer feedback about its products and services to better align them to its customers' needs and preferences. Several products and distribution channels have been designed/redesigned based on feedback from its various customer satisfaction research efforts.

Each research design is reviewed for content, utility, and user-friendliness by a variety of appropriate staff (including research design and subject-matter specialists). The concept and design are tested by internal staff and a select sample of respondents to confirm its appropriateness, user-friendliness, and to estimate burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information. Collection techniques are discussed and included in the research concept design discussions to define the most time-, cost-efficient and accurate collection media.

The clearance operates in the following manner: a block of hours is reserved at the beginning of each year, and the particular activities that will be conducted under the clearance are not specified in advance. The Census Bureau provides information to OMB about the specific activities on a flow basis throughout the year. OMB is notified of each activity in a letter that gives specific details about the activity, rather than by means of individual clearance packages. At the end of each year, a report is submitted to OMB that summarizes the number of hours used as well as the nature and results of the activities completed under the clearance.

Some modifications of the clearance from previous years are planned. The number of hours is expanded from 3,750 per year to 4,000 to allow for larger-scale research efforts with increased analytical power. In addition, incentives as a survey procedure may also be the subject of research under the clearance.

II. Method of Collection

This research may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups or personal interviews.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0760.

Form Number: Various.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, State or local governments,

farms, businesses or other for-profit organizations, federal agencies or employees, non-profit institutions, small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 48,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents, except for their time to answer the questions posed.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Executive Order 12862.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

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 July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork 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 or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Ron Taylor, Bureau of the Census, Room 2135 FOB-4, Washington, DC 20233, on (301) 457-4683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to extend the current OMB clearance for the Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization. The survey is conducted annually collecting data for fourth quarter operations. The survey collects, from manufacturing plants, the value of actual production and the value of production that could have been achieved if operating at "full production" and "emergency production" levels. The survey also collects data on work patterns by shift. These data include hours in operation, production workers, and plant hours worked. The resulting estimates are used in measuring inflationary pressures, capital flows, production indexes and analyzing and forecasting economic and industrial trends. The survey results are primarily used by the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Defense.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond within 30 days of the initial mailing. This due date will be imprinted at the top of the form. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0175.

Form Number: MQ-C1.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Manufacturing plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 51,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$806,820 (51,000 * \$15.82).

Respondents Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13 US 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Economic Census Ownership Or Control Flier

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 July 2, 2001.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument(s) should be directed to Bruce M. Goldhirsch, Bureau of the Census, Room 2529, Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100, and 301-457-2626 or email at Bruce.M.Goldhirsch@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during non-decennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of title 13 U.S.C., is the primary source of facts about the structure and function of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public.

The data collection for ownership and control questions is a supplement to the 2002 Economic Census. In prior censuses these questions were included as part of the economic census questionnaires and used to determine if single-establishment firms were either owned or controlled by another company or if they operate at more than one location. Since the ownership or control questions only apply to single-establishment companies, we have removed these questions from economic census questionnaires. We will include these questions on a separate flier that only will be inserted in economic census questionnaire mail out packages for single-establishment firms.

II. Method of Collection

The economic census will select establishments for its mail canvas from the Census Bureau's Business register. For those single-establishments firms selected in the economic census, an ownership or control flier will be inserted in the mail out package. We estimate that for the 2002 Economic Census there will be approximately 2,442,300 establishments of single-establishment firms.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not Available.

Form Number: The 12 fliers used to collect ownership or control information are tailored to specific business practices and are too numerous to list separately in this notice.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: State or local governments, businesses or other for