

impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered.

Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.

Dated: July 31, 2001.

Eleanor S. Towns,

Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This request has been submitted under the emergency processing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Agency: Technology Administration.

Title: Review of Public and Private High-tech Workforce Training Programs.

Agency Form Numbers(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission.

Burden Hours: 750 hours.

Number of Respondents: 420.

Average Hour Per Response: 1 to 2 hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is needed to fulfill the Secretary of Commerce's responsibilities mandated in Public Law 106-313. Section 115 (a) and (b) directs the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a review of existing public and private high-tech workforce training programs in the United States, and submit a report to Congress on the study findings no later than 18 months from the bill's enactment. This information is needed to analyze how high-tech workers obtain their training, and how well the skills provided by various high-tech training models meet employer needs. An analysis of what is learned from this information collection will be contained in the report to Congress. Comparable information is not available on a standardized basis.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, Federal, state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: One-Time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Dave Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 1, 2001.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO) Pretest

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 October 9, 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 (Valerie Strang, Bureau of the Census, CSD, Room 1183-3, Washington, DC 20233-6400, (301) 457-3316).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a pretest of the 2002 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO), previously known as the Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises and the Survey of Women-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE/SWOBE). In the SBO, businesses are asked several questions about their business as well as several questions about the gender, race, and ethnicity of the owner(s). This survey provides the only comprehensive, regularly collected source of information on business owners' race, ethnicity, and gender. The survey is conducted as part of the economic census program which is required by law to be taken every 5 years under Title 13 of the United States Code, sections 131, 193, and 224.

Businesses which reported any business activity on any one of the following Internal Revenue Service tax forms: 1040 (Schedule C), "Profit or Loss from Business" (Sole Proprietorship); 1065, "U.S. Partnership Return of Income"; or any one of the 1120 corporate tax forms will be eligible for the pretest.

The pretest is needed to test several significant changes to the questionnaire since previously conducted and the impact these changes will have on the estimates. These changes include the following:

The questions about race and ethnicity have been modified to meet OMB guidelines to allow respondents the opportunity to select more than one