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Applications submitted within the 30-day time frame, that are economically and technically feasible, as determined by RUS and as set forth in RUS Bulletin 1738-1 will be given priority for funding as set forth in § 1738.14.

Dated: January 27, 2003.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Metro Center), 2532 West Peoria, the Executive Board Room, Phoenix, Arizona 85029. The purpose of the meeting is to plan a follow-up to the 1997 report on civil rights problems along the United States/Mexico border. The report is: Federal Immigration Law Enforcement in the Southwest: Civil Rights Impacts on Border Communities. Four states will be involved.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 24, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on

Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2003, at the St. Anthony Hotel, Midland Room, 300 East Travis, San Antonio, TX 78205. The purpose of the meeting is to hold new member orientation and discuss civil rights issues in the State.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 24, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

National Survey of Volunteering and Giving Among Youths and Adults

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 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 March 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ken Kaplan or Sue Montfort, U.S. Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3351, Washington, DC 20233-8400 at (301) 763-3836.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this voluntary survey is to provide trend data on the volunteering and giving behavior of youths and adults; to chart the impact of major institutions, such as schools and religious institutions on encouraging such behavior; to highlight people's attitudes on a variety of issues relating to their volunteering behavior; and to explore behavioral and motivational factors that influence volunteering and giving.

Independent Sector, a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of more than 700 national organizations, foundations, and corporate philanthropy programs, began to study volunteerism in the United States in the early 1990s. Original survey content was developed by a national advisory group of scholars and practitioners and addressed the following issues:

- Who volunteers? Who gives? To whom? How much?
- What are determinants of giving and volunteering behavior?
- What is the motivation for giving and volunteering to various types of charitable causes?
- When do youths begin to volunteer and give?
- What skills have young people learned from their community service?
- To what degree do schools encourage volunteering? Do they offer courses requiring community service or require community service for graduation?
- What level of confidence do young people have in the institutions of our society?

This survey is unique because it contains information about both adults and youths who give or volunteer and those that do neither. The findings have been of interest to policymakers, the media, researchers, and school principals and teachers, as well as leaders of voluntary organizations.

As part of the emerging literature on "social capital," or social attachments, one important correlation of interest is that of religious practice and volunteering. This survey seeks to confirm and understand better that correlation by asking questions such as attendance at religious services and whether a volunteer organization is religiously-affiliated. The Census Bureau considers the religiously-oriented questions appropriate in the context of the survey's objective. We will not ask respondents to identify any particular religion.

For the national sample, we will select a sample of households from

expired Current Population Survey rotations. We will obtain parental consent prior to interviewing the youths.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected by telephone-only interviews in one of the Census Bureau's telephone centers. The data methodology will utilize computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI).

III. Data

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number: Not available.

Form Number: There will be no form number because it will be conducted by CATI.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000 respondents.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States 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; (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 and; (e) whether questions about religion, when contextually relevant and in a voluntary survey, are an appropriate area of inquiry to the Census Bureau.

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: January 24, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2001 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 8 Topical Modules.

Form Number(s): SIPP-21805(L) Director's Letter; SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument; SIPP-21003 Reminder Card.
Agency Approval Number: 0607-0875.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 119,378 hours.

Number of Respondents: 78,750.

Avg Hours Per Response: Interview—30 minutes; reinterview—10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the Wave 8 Topical Module interview for the 2001 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). We also request approval for a few replacement questions in the reinterview instrument. The core SIPP instrument and reinterview instrument were cleared previously. The reinterview instrument will be used for quality control purposes.

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every few years, with each panel having durations of 3 to 4 years. The 2001 SIPP Panel is scheduled for three years and will include nine waves beginning February 1, 2001.

The survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules." The topical modules for the 2001 Panel Wave 8 are Child Support Agreements, Support for Nonhousehold Members, Functional Limitations and Disability for Adults and Children, Adult Well-Being, and Welfare Reform. Wave 8 interviews will be conducted from June through September 2003.

Data provided by the SIPP are being used by economic policymakers, the

Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare or transfer payment programs, such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

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 Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the 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 Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: January 24, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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