

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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: January 24, 2003.

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