

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Census Bureau****Business and Professional Classification Report**

**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 February 11, 2005.

**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 (or via the Internet at [DHynek@doc.gov](mailto:DHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Scott Handmaker, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3-1640, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-7107 (or via the Internet at [Scott.P.Handmaker@census.gov](mailto:Scott.P.Handmaker@census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau sponsors the SQ-CLASS, "Business and Professional Classification Report", to collect information needed to keep the retail, wholesale, and service samples current with the business universe. Because of rapid changes in the marketplace caused by the emergence of new businesses, the deaths of others, transfer of ownership, mergers, and so forth, on a quarterly basis the Census Bureau canvasses a sample of new Employer Identification Numbers (EINs) obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA). Each selected firm is canvassed once for a type of business description, measure of size, and company affiliation on the establishment(s) associated with the new EIN. In essence, from the perspective of the business firm, this is a one time collection of data. A different sample of EINs is canvassed four times a year.

We are revising the SQ-CLASS to improve the flow of the questions as well as to provide information needed to assign the proper North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code.

**II. Method of Collection**

We collect this information by mail, fax, and telephone follow-up.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0189.

*Form Number:* SQ-CLASS.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Retail, Wholesale, and Service firms in the United States.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* Annually, approximately 50,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 13 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,835 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The cost to the respondent is estimated to be \$255,598 for fiscal year 2005.

*Respondent's Obligation:* This collection of information is 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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: December 7, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Census Bureau****2005 National Census Test Coverage Follow Up**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****I. Abstract**

Improved coverage (*See Definition of Terms*) is one of the four major goals for Census 2010. In preparation for the 2010 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct a series of tests. In September 2005, the Census Bureau will conduct the 2005 National Census Test (NCT) to evaluate a variety of short form questionnaire content and design modifications, and the effect of a bilingual questionnaire on response rates and data quality. The results of this test will help guide the Census Bureau as it develops the final short form questionnaire design and content for the 2010 Census.

In support of the 2005 NCT, the Coverage Followup (CFU) is intended to develop and evaluate new procedures to improve coverage and reduce duplication. We want to determine whether respondents included all the appropriate persons on their form and excluded persons who should have been counted elsewhere. The CFU will collect data to evaluate different versions of the coverage questions and