

collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Quarterly Survey of the Finances Of Public-Employee Retirement Systems.

*Form Number(s):* F-10.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0143.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 300 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau requests continued OMB clearance of the Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public Employee Retirement Systems. Over 2.2 trillion dollars in public-employee retirement system assets in the financial markets are controlled by a small number of large systems. The 2002 Census of Governments identified 2,670 state and local government administered public-employee retirement systems. The 100 largest systems, as measured by the system assets, account for about 90 percent of the total assets of all systems. This survey is used to collect financial data from these 100 systems for policy makers and economists to follow the changing characteristics of these funds.

This survey was initiated by the U.S. Census Bureau at the request of both the Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board. The most important information this survey provides is the quarterly change in composition of the securities holdings of the public employee retirement systems component of the economy. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to track the public sector portion of the flow of funds accounts. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the quarterly retirement information on corporate stock holdings to estimate dividends received by state and local government retirement systems that, in turn, are used in preparing the national income and product accounts. Additionally, these data are a significant part of the information base needed to analyze investment trends and help in the formulation of governmental economic policies and investment decisions.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal government.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*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) 482-3129, 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: November 7, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* U.S. Measurement Systems

*Biophotonics Survey.*

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 10.

*Number of Respondents:* 60.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* NIST would like to determine the industry expectations for metrology needs of biophotonics applied to cell and tissue diagnostics aspects of health care over the next 10 years. To begin this process, NIST will sponsor a workshop entitled *Biophotonic Tools for Cell and Tissue Diagnostics*. This workshop will focus on diagnostic techniques involving the interaction between biological systems and photons. The survey will collect limited background information (e.g., professional training and interests).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* One-time only.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

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Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* NIST Three-Year Generic Request for Customer Service-Related Data Collections.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0693-0031.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 3,022.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 2 minutes for a response card, and 2 hours for focus group participation. The average estimated response time is expected to be 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* NIST will conduct surveys, focus groups, and other customer satisfaction/service data collections. The collected information is needed and will be used to determine the kind and the quality of products, services, and information our key customers want and expect, as well as their satisfaction with and awareness of existing products, services and information.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal, State, Local, or Tribal government.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

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