

funding allocations in the President's budget for 2007. This third test will measure and compare the data quality between two versions of new content proposed by the National Science Foundation for inclusion on the ACS. The proposed content asks about the major field in which a person received his or her bachelor's degree. In this test, half the sample will answer an open-ended question reporting the actual degree he or she received. The other half of the sample will provide their field of degree information by answering a series of yes/no questions. The test will assess which, if either, version results in data of sufficient quality for inclusion on the ACS.

Given that the ACS collects data every day of the year in every county in the U.S. and in every municipio in Puerto Rico, the ACS provides an opportunity to produce data not available from any other source or survey at the same low levels of geography. The Census Bureau, in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget, has a policy for determining whether new content or questions will be added to the ACS. As part of the content determination process, the Census Bureau must test the proposed content to determine whether the ACS can produce data of sufficiently high quality for the proposed topic. In all likelihood, this test will fold into the grid versus sequential form design test noted above in an effort to reduce cost and burden. The test would, however, include a Content Follow-Up Reinterview of approximately 80 percent of the sample. The Census Bureau and OMB will consider these results in deciding whether to include the new content, per the Census Bureau's Policy on New Content for the ACS.

In order to provide data of comparable reliability as the census long-form at low levels of geography (e.g., census tract level) or for characteristics of special, small populations, the ACS must collect data on a continual basis and aggregate three to five years worth of data. Essentially the ACS collects data every day of the year, either by mail, telephone interviews or personal-visit interviews in order to have an adequate number of interviews to achieve estimates with comparable reliability to the census long-form at low levels of geography. Federal agencies use the ACS data to determine appropriate funding for state and local governments through block grants. State and local governments use ACS data for program planning, administration and evaluation. Thus, the reliability and the quality of the data must remain high in

order for the users to rely on the data for funding decisions.

Similarly, the federal government as well as state and local governments uses the core, basic demographics collected as part of the census for funding and programmatic decisions. With full implementation of the ACS, those same data are available every year. From a data user's perspective, large differences in the estimates for those core data items between ACS and the census can be problematic in terms of funding and program decisions. Since the ACS is a sample survey rather than a census we expect some differences in results between the two. However, there are many other factors that contribute to different results, such as differences in the interviewing staff, social relevance of the census versus a current survey, and even form design.

Thus, the 2007 Methods Panel will investigate ways to reduce or at least maintain data collection costs so the Census Bureau can continue to provide data of comparable reliability as the census long-form did. Additionally, the 2007 Methods Panel will test whether differences in form design between the census and the ACS may contribute to differences in results for the basic demographic items used by federal, state and local governments for funding and programmatic decisions. Lastly, funding permitting, the Methods panel will test proposed content regarding major field of study for a person's bachelor degree in order to provide the National Science Foundation and the National Center for Education Statistics with current information regarding estimates of types of fields in which people receive bachelor's degrees.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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 [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([bharrisk@omb.eop.gov](mailto:bharrisk@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: October 3, 2006.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Membership of the Office of the Secretary Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Membership on the Office of the Secretary Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C., 4314(c)(4), DOC announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of the Office of the Secretary (OS) Performance Review Board (PRB). The OS/PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members. The appointment of these members to the OS/PRB will be for a period of 24 months.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The effective date of service of appointees to the Office of the Secretary Performance Review Board is upon publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise Yaag, Director, Office of Executive Resources, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of the Director, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-3600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The names, position titles, and type of appointment of the members of the OS/PRB are set forth below by organization:

#### Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary, 2006-2008 Performance Review Board Membership

##### *Office of the Secretary*

Tracey S. Rhodes, Director, Executive Secretariat.

Richard Yamamoto, Director, Office of Security (Alternate).

##### *Office of Assistant Secretary for Administration*

Lisa Casias, Deputy Director for Financial Policy.

##### *Economic Development Administration*

Mary Pleffner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management Services and CFO.

##### *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

John E. Jones, Jr., Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

*Office of the General Counsel*

Michael A. Levitt, Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation.

Dated: September 26, 2006.

**Denise Yaag,**

*Director, Office of Executive Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Membership of the Departmental Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership on the Departmental Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C., 4314(c)(4), Department of Commerce (DOC) announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of the Departmental Performance Review Board (DPRB). The DPRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and serves as the higher level review of executives who report to an appointing authority. The appointment of these members to the DPRB will be for a period of 24 months.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The effective date of service of appointees to the Departmental Performance Review Board is upon publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Denise Yaag, Director, Office of Executive Resources, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of the Director, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-3600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The names and position titles of the members of the DPRB are set forth below by organization:

**Department of Commerce,  
Departmental Performance Review  
Board Membership 2006-2008**

*Office of the Secretary*

Aimee L. Strudwick, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary.

*Office of General Counsel*

Michael A. Levitt, Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation.

Joan McGinnis, Assistant General Counsel for Finance and Litigation.

*Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration*

William J. Fleming, Deputy Director for Human Resources Management.

*Bureau of the Census*

Dr. Hermann Habermann, Deputy Director.

Marvin Raines, Associate Director for Field Operations.

*Economics and Statistics Administration*

James K. White, Associate Under Secretary for Management.

*Economics and Development Administration*

Mary Pleffner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management.

*National Telecommunications and Information Administration*

Kathy D. Smith, Chief Counsel.

*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

Bonnie Morehouse, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation.

Maureen Wylie, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Director of Budget.

Kathleen A. Kelly, Director, Office of Satellite Operations, NESDIS.

*National Technical Information Service*

Ellen Herbst, Director, National Technical Information Service.

*National Institute of Standards and Technology*

Richard F. Kayser, Director, Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory.

Kathleen M. Higgins, Director, Office of Law Enforcement Standards, EEEL.

Dated: September 28, 2006.

**Denise Yaag,**

*Director, Office of Executive Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security**

**Sensors and Instrumentation  
Technical Advisory Committee; Notice  
of Partially Closed Meeting**

The Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee (SITAC) will meet on October 24, 2006, 9:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

**Agenda***Public Session*

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Remarks from the Bureau of Industry and Security Management.
3. Industry Presentations.
4. Government Presentations.
5. New Business.

*Closed Session*

6. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that the materials be forwarded before the meeting to Ms. Yvette Springer at [Yspringer@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Yspringer@bis.doc.gov).

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on September 29, 2006 pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)), that the portion of this meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information contact Yvette Springer on (202) 482-2813.

Dated: October 5, 2006.

**Yvette Springer,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

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**Preliminary Determination of Sales at  
Less Than Fair Value and  
Postponement of Final Determination:  
Certain Activated Carbon From the  
People's Republic of China**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 11, 2006.