DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: 2010 Census.

Form Number(s): Various.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0919.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 23,990,300.

Number of Respondents: 146,746,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 9 minutes and 40 seconds.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect data from the public as part of the 2010 Census. Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates that the U.S. House of Representatives be reapportioned every 10 years by conducting a national census of all residents. In addition to the reapportionment of the U.S. Congress, by law, Census data are required in order to redraw legislative district boundaries. Census data also are used to determine funding allocations for the distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars of federal and state funds each year.

Census 2000 was an operational and data quality success. However, that success was achieved at great operational risk and great expense. In response to the lessons learned from Census 2000, and in striving to better meet our Nation's ever-expanding needs for social, demographic, and geographic information, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau developed a multi-year effort to completely modernize and re-engineer the 2010 Census of Population and Housing. This effort required an iterative series of tests in 2003 thru 2008 that provided an opportunity to evaluate new or improved question wording and questionnaire design, methodologies, and use of technology.

The 2003 Census Test was conducted, and designed to evaluate alternative self-response options and alternative presentation of the race and Hispanic origin question. The 2004 Census Test studied new methods to improve coverage, including procedures for reducing duplication, and tested respondent reaction to revised race and Hispanic origin questions, examples, and instructions. The 2005 National Census Test was designed to evaluate variations of questionnaire content and methodology; the 2006 Census Test relied on the results of the 2004 Census Test to expand on the number of new and refined methods; the 2007 test refined the design of the bilingual form; and the scope of the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal was reduced to carrying out address canvassing of neighborhoods to improve these processes, along with mailout/mailback processes. Many of the results of these undertakings are applied to the final plans for the 2010 Census operations where feasible.

From the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau will produce the basic population totals by state for Congressional apportionment, as mandated by the Constitution, and more specifically elaborated in Title 13 U.S. Code. Title 13 of the United States Code also provides for the confidentiality of responses to various surveys and censuses.

In compliance with Public Law 94–171, for each state, the Census Bureau will tabulate total population counts by race, Hispanic origin, and, for those 18 years of age and over, by a variety of census geographic areas including legislative district, voting district, and census tabulation blocks. In compliance with Public Law 94–171, the Census Bureau also will tabulate housing unit counts by occupancy status (and vacant).

This clearance request covers the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and federally affiliated Americans overseas. To enumerate these areas and overseas Americans, there are several planned operations that will be performed by various staffs in the field, at headquarters, regional census centers, and at local census offices. These operations are intended to improve the accuracy of census coverage and reduce operational risk compared to Census 2000. The clearance request for enumeration of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Pacific Island Area of America Samoa will be covered under a separate information collection request to OMB.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141 & 193.

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*).

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*).

Dated: September 3, 2008.

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The Department of Commerce will submit 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: 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 2 Topical Modules.

Form Number(s): SIPP 28205(L) Director's Letter; SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument; SIPP 28003 Reminder Card.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0944.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 143,303.

Number of Respondents: 94,500.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the Wave 2 interview for the 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The core SIPP and reinterview instruments were also cleared under this OMB control number.

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.

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, such as estimating eligibility for government programs, examining pension and health care coverage, and analyzing individual net worth. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as ''topical modules.''

The topical modules for the 2008 Panel Wave 2 are Work History, Education and Training History, Marital History, Fertility History, Migration History, Household Relationships, and Tax Rebate. These topical modules were previously conducted in the SIPP 2004 Panel Wave 2 instrument, with the exception of the Tax Rebate topical module, which was previously conducted in the SIPP 2008 Wave 1 instrument. Wave 2 interviews will be conducted from January through April 2009.

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 approximately 3 to 4 years. The 2008 Panel is scheduled for four years and four months and will include thirteen waves, which will begin September 1, 2008. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. They are interviewed a total of thirteen times (thirteen waves), at 4-month intervals, making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample people (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP primary sampling unit (PSU) will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Individuals 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these people move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample individual.

The OMB has established an Interagency Advisory Committee to provide guidance for the content and procedures for the SIPP. Interagency subcommittees were set up to recommend specific areas of inquiries for supplemental questions. The Census Bureau developed the 2008 Panel Wave 2 topical modules through consultation with the SIPP OMB Interagency Subcommittee. The questions for the topical modules address major policy and program concerns as stated by this subcommittee and the SIPP Interagency Advisory Committee.

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 knowledge gained from these ''core'' items will be of limited value without information about how the respondents reached their status at the time of the Wave 1 interview. The core, therefore, is also supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs, such as estimating eligibility for government programs, examining pension and health care coverage, and analyzing financing of post-secondary education. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as ''topical modules.'' The questions in these topical modules will help us reduce, if not eliminate, the ''left-censoring'' analysis problem that occurs in nearly all longitudinal surveys and cited as a serious concern by our data users. Left-censoring refers to the experiences of individuals (or other units of longitudinal analysis) prior to the start of the longitudinal study period.

The questions for these topical modules address major policy and program concerns. Each component is intended to provide explanatory data describing likely relationships between earlier life-course experiences and current socioeconomic status. Personal history data, when linked with data derived from the panel interviews, yield a powerful set of explanatory indicators, which help analysts more fully understand associations between social, demographic, and economic events.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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Bureau of Industry and Security

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

The Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC) will meet on September 23, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4830, 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 controls on research and emerging technology activities, including those related to deemed exports.

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Remarks from Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) management.
3. Current deemed export control policy issues and initiatives, including BIS's notice of inquiry published on May 19, 2008 (73 FR 28795) and extended on August 22, 2008 (73 FR 49645) requesting comments on two Deemed Export Advisory Committee recommendations.
4. Emerging technology and research and development issues.
5. U.S. competitiveness.
6. Public comments.
7. Priorities and workplan.

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at *Yspringer@bis.doc.gov,* no later than September 16, 2008.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the