

environmental review compliance requirements in accordance with its statutory and regulatory obligations. The agency's environmental policies and procedures are codified in 7 CFR Part 1794. All relevant environmental compliance requirements are integrated in the above regulation, including the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act and Endangered Species Act compliance processes.

All WEP applicants are required to integrate environmental factors, along with other technical and financial considerations into early project planning and design. The agency has guidance documents for applicants posted on the following webpage—<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/bulletin.htm>. The environmental review process must be complete, including all public notice requirements prior to funding any proposals.

(c) Applicable Statutory or Regulatory Authority.

- Title 1 of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009;
- Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Section 306(a)(1), (2) and (22) (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1), (2) and (22));
- 7 CFR Part 1780, Water and Waste Loans and Grants; and
- RD Instruction 1940-C, Davis Bacon and Related Acts (Available in any RD Office).

6. Broadband Direct Loans and Grants

Rural Development anticipates making Direct Broadband loans and grants available to eligible entities using Recovery Act funds. Further information regarding Broadband loans and grants will be provided separately in a subsequent NOFA or a series of NOFAs.

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Dated: July 17, 2009.

Dallas Tonsager,

Under Secretary.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, July 31, 2009; 1:30 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: Via Teleconference, Public Dial In—1-800-597-7623, Conference ID # 21390687.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

I. Approval of Agenda

II. State Advisory Committee Issues

- Arizona SAC
- Hawaii SAC
- Michigan SAC
- Utah SAC

III. Program Planning

- Update on National Civil Rights Conference

IV. Adjourn

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

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Dated: July 21, 2009.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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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 emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: Broadband Subscription and Usage Survey (Supplement to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey).

OMB Control Number: 0660-0021.

Agency Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission.

Burden Hours: 581.

Average Time per Response: 38 seconds.

Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Needs and Uses: NTIA proposes to add five questions to the Census Bureau's October 2009 Current Population Survey (CPS) in order to gather reliable data on broadband (also known as high-speed Internet) use by U.S. households. The Administration is committed to providing broadband service to every community in America. To that end, the Administration is working with Congress, NTIA, the Federal Communications Commission, Rural Utilities Service, the States, and other parties to develop and implement economic and regulatory policies that foster broadband deployment. Current, systematic, and comprehensive data on broadband subscription and use by U.S. households is critical to allow policymakers not only to gauge progress made to date, but also to identify problem areas with a specificity that permits carefully targeted and cost effective responses.

The Census Bureau is widely regarded as a superior collector of data based on its centuries of experience and its scientific methods. Collection of NTIA's requested broadband usage data, moreover, will occur in conjunction with Census' scheduled October CPS, thereby significantly reducing the potential burdens on the Bureau and the households surveyed. The questions on Internet usage were included in seven previous Census household surveys.

The need for comprehensive broadband data has become more pressing in recent months and has necessitated this request for expedited review. The General Accountability Office (GAO) recently issued reports