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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).

Title: Request for Investigation Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act. OMB Control Number: 0694–0120. Form Number(s): N/A.
Type of Request: Regular.
Burden Hours: 3,000 hours.
Number of Respondents: 400 respondents.
Average Hours per Response: 7.5 hours per response.

Needs and Uses: Upon request, BIS will initiate an investigation to determine the effects of imports of specific commodities on the national security, and will make the findings known to the President for possible adjustments to imports through tariffs. The findings are made publicly available and are reported to Congress.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain benefits.
OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra.
FAX number (202) 395–7285.

Copies of this above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), by email to jseehra@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to (202) 395–7285.

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National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee (NCADAC) Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the DoC NOAA National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee (NCADAC).

DATE AND TIME: The meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 from 2–4 p.m. Eastern Time.


Matters To Be Considered

Please refer to the Web page http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/NCADAC/index.html for the most up-to-date meeting agenda, when available.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 10-minute public comment period from 3:45–3:55 p.m. The NCADAC expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of two minutes. Written comments should be received in the NCADAC DFO’s office by Tuesday, April 3, 2012, to provide sufficient time for NCADAC review. Written comments received by the NCADAC DFO after April 3, 2012, will be distributed to the NCADAC, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Designated Federal Official, National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301–734–1156, Fax: 301–713–1459, Email: Cynthia.decker@noaa.gov). Individuals planning to attend are requested to RSVP to Dr. Decker by Tuesday, April 3, 2012 because space may be limited at the venue.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee was established in December 2010. The committee’s mission is to synthesize and summarize the science and information pertaining to current and future impacts of climate change upon the United States; and to provide advice and recommendations toward the
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U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Annual Survey of School System Finances (Formerly Named Annual Survey of Local Government Finances—School Systems)

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before May 25, 2012.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, 202 482–0336; Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jeremy Phillips, U.S. Census Bureau, Governments Division, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233–6800; (301) 763–5653.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Census Bureau plans to request an extension to the current Office of Management and Budget clearance for the Annual Survey of School System Finances.

The Annual Survey of School System Finances is the only comprehensive source of public elementary-secondary school system finance data collected on a nationwide scale using uniform definitions, concepts, and procedures. The collection covers the revenues, expenditures, debt, and assets of all public elementary-secondary school systems. This data collection has been coordinated with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The NCES uses this collection to satisfy its need for school finance data.

Fiscal data provided by respondents aid data users in measuring the effectiveness of resource allocation. The products of this data collection make it possible for data users to search a single database to obtain information on such things as per pupil expenditures and the percent of state, local, and federal funding for each school system.

Elementary-secondary education related spending is the single largest financial activity of state and local governments. Education finance statistics provided by the Census Bureau allow for analyses of how public elementary-secondary school systems receive their funding and how they are spending their funds.

The forms and survey announcement used in the school finance portion of the survey are:

F–33 Survey Announcement. This letter is mailed electronically at the beginning of each survey period to solicit the assistance of the state education agencies. It establishes the conditions by which the state education agencies provide their school finance data to the Census Bureau.

Form F–33. This form contains item descriptions and definitions of the elementary-secondary education finance items collected jointly by the Census Bureau and NCES. It is used primarily as a worksheet and instruction guide by the state education agencies providing school finance data centrally for the school systems in their respective states. All states supply their data by electronic means. Revisions to this survey include the removal of the data item collecting Title V, Part A (Innovative Programs) revenue. (Funding for this federal program ended on September 30, 2009.) There may also be the removal of three data items collecting data for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Once states are no longer able to collect or expend American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, those data items will be removed from the collection. The data items were added as non-substantial changes to the data collection after the previous OMB clearance, and collection began with fiscal year 2009 data.

Form F–33–L1. This is a supplemental form sent directly to school systems in states where the state education agencies cannot provide information on the assets of individual school systems. School systems have the choice to submit their data via paper, fax, or Internet.

Form F–33–L2. This is a supplemental form sent directly to school systems in states where the state education agency cannot provide information on both indebtedness and assets. This letter combines the items requested on the forms F–33–L1 and F–33–L2. School systems have the choice to submit their data via paper, fax, or Internet.

Form F–33–L3. This is a supplemental form sent directly to school systems in states where the state education agency cannot provide information on both indebtedness and assets. This letter combines the items requested on the forms F–33–L1 and F–33–L2. School systems have the choice to submit their data via paper, fax, or Internet.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau collects almost all of the finance data for local school systems from state education agency databases through central collection arrangements with the state education agencies. The states transfer most of this information in electronic format over the Internet via file transfer protocol. The Census Bureau has facilitated central collection of school system finance data by accepting data in multiple formats.

III. Data


Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,230.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.24 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,990.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $92,229.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 161 and 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)