

DATES: Friday, April 7, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. EST to 1:00 p.m. EST.

Public Call-in Information:

Conference call-in number: 1-888-601-3861 and password: 636552.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy L. Davis, at ero@usccr.gov or by phone at 202-376-7533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 1-888-601-3861 and password: 636552. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free conference call-in number.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376-7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=281>; click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone numbers, email or street address.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - Rollcall
 - Planning Meeting
 - Discuss Civil Rights Topics for Civil Rights Project
- II. Other Business
- III. Open Comment
- IV. Adjournment

Dated: March 17, 2017.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Arkansas Advisory Committee To Discuss Civil Rights Topics in the State

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Arkansas Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 12:00 noon CST for the purpose of a discussion on civil rights topics affecting the state.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 12:00 noon. CST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Barreras, DFO, at dbarreras@usccr.gov or 312-353-8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-427-9415, conference ID: 6982990. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be

mailed to the Midwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or emailed to Carolyn Allen at callen@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Arkansas Advisory Committee link (<http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=236>). Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above email or street address.

Agenda

Welcome and Roll Call
Civil Rights Topics in Arkansas
Future Plans and Actions
Public Comment
Adjournment

Dated: March 16, 2017.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Survey of Construction, Questionnaire for the Building Permit Official.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0125.

Form Number(s): SOC-QBPO.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,017.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 254.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting a revision of the currently approved collection for the Survey of Construction Questionnaire

for the Building Permit Official (SOC–QBPO). The information collected on the SOC–QBPO is necessary to carry out the sampling for the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions (OMB number 0607–0110), also known as the Survey of Construction (SOC).

Government agencies and private companies use statistics from the SOC to monitor and evaluate the large and dynamic housing construction industry.

The SOC–QBPO is an electronic questionnaire. The field representatives (FRs) either call or visit the respondents to enter their survey responses into a laptop computer using the Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) software formatted for the SOC–QBPO. We will continue to use the current CAPI questionnaire with modifications to the form for the purpose of improving the process of accurately classifying permitted units and to eliminate the collection of information deemed no longer necessary for the proper sample selection for the SOC. The overall length of the interview will not change. The sample size slightly increased due to the increase in total number of permit-issuing jurisdictions.

The Census Bureau FRs use the SOC–QBPO to obtain information on the operating procedures of a permit office. This enables them to locate, classify, list, and sample building permits for residential construction. These permits are used as the basis for the sample selected for SOC. The Census Bureau also uses the information to verify and update the geographic coverage of permit offices.

Failure to collect this information would make it difficult, if not impossible, to accurately classify and sample building permits for the SOC. Data for two principal economic indicators are produced from the SOC: New Residential Construction (housing starts and housing completions) and New Residential Sales. Government agencies use these statistics to evaluate economic policy, measure progress towards the national housing goal, make policy decisions, and formulate legislation. For example, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System uses data from this survey to evaluate the effect of interest rates in this interest-rate sensitive area of the economy. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the data in developing the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The private sector and other data users from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) use the information for estimating the demand for housing, building materials and the many

products used in new housing and to schedule production, distribution, and sales efforts. The financial community uses the data to estimate the demand for short-term (construction loans) and long-term (mortgages) borrowing.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Sheleen Dumas,

PRA Departmental Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Survey of

Entrepreneurs.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0986.

Form Number(s): None, electronic collection.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 290,000.

Average Hours per Response: 35 minutes.

Burden Hours: 169,167.

Needs and Uses: In an effort to improve the timely measurement of business dynamics in the United States, the Census Bureau is conducting the Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE). The ASE provides annual data on the characteristics of businesses and business owners. The ASE is a supplement to the 5-year Survey of Business Owners (SBO). ASE estimates include the number of firms, sales/receipts, annual payroll, and employment by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. The ASE is conducted jointly by the Ewing Marion

Kauffman Foundation, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), and the Census Bureau for three reference years (2014–2016).

This collection allows the Census Bureau to collaborate on the implementation of a key National Academies recommendation for improving the measurement of business dynamics in the U.S. economy, which recommended:

“The Census Bureau Survey of Business Owners (SBO) should be conducted on an annual basis. The survey should include both a longitudinal component and a flexible, modular design that allows survey content to change over time. In addition, the Census Bureau should explore the possibility of creating a public-use (anonymized) SBO or a restricted access version of the data file.”

—Lynch, Lisa M., John Haltiwanger, and Christopher Mackie, eds.

Understanding Business Dynamics: An Integrated Data System for America's Future. National Academies Press, 2007.

The ASE includes all nonfarm employer businesses filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, or any type of corporation, and with receipts of \$1,000 or more. The ASE samples approximately 290,000 employer businesses. The sample is stratified by metropolitan statistical area (MSA), frame, and age of business. The Census Bureau selects large companies with certainty. These companies are selected based on volume of sales, payroll, or number of paid employees. All certainty cases are sure to be selected and represent only themselves.

The ASE has been conducted for survey years 2014 and 2015 and will continue for 2016 per the agreement between the Census Bureau and the survey sponsors. There are no final plans to conduct the ASE beyond survey year 2016. However, the Census Bureau is exploring options to maintain this collection for future survey years.

Content for the ASE includes questions from the 2012 SBO (form SBO–1) with additional questions on sources of capital and financial barriers that are asked each survey year. The ASE also includes a series of new questions each survey year based on a relevant business topic determined prior to data collection. Each year the new module of questions is submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. The Census Bureau is requesting approval to field the 2016 ASE. The module selected for the 2016 ASE focuses on business advice and