

of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public records. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

**Matt Lohr,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Development's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 12, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email [Thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.dickson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that Rural Development is submitting to OMB for extension.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email [Thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.dickson@usda.gov).

*Title:* Environmental Policies and Procedures.

*OMB Number:* 0575-0197.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable environmental and historic preservation statutes require all Federal agencies to consider the potential environmental consequences of their actions on the quality of the human environment and historic properties before agency decisions are made and prior to it taking an action; in RD's case the "action" is the approval of financial assistance and obligation of Federal funds. To comply with NEPA and other environmental laws, regulations and Executive Orders, RD requires applicants submitting applications for financial assistance to include project-specific environmental information along with other underwriting requirements. The purpose of this information is to evaluate and document the environmental implications of applicant's proposals.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 60 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Cooperatives, local municipalities, private citizens, companies, not-for-profit companies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 94,000.

*Estimate Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 5,608,800 hours.

Copies of this information collections can be obtained from Diane M. Berger, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team; phone—(715) 619-3124; or email [diane.berger@usda.gov](mailto:diane.berger@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Joel Baxley,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commission Public Briefing, *Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars*.

**DATES:** Friday, February 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Place: National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 11th Floor, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20245 (Entrance on F Street NW).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Walch, (202) 376-8371; TTY: (202) 376-8116; [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing to evaluate the civil rights of women in prison, including deprivations of women's medical needs that may violate the constitutional requirement to provide adequate medical care for all prisoners; implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act; and the sufficiency of programs to meet women's needs after release. The Commission will also examine consequences of discipline practices in women's prisons and the impact on families when women are placed far from home or parental rights are terminated despite their caregiving role. Commissioners will hear from state and federal corrections officials, women who have experienced incarceration, academic and legal experts, and advocates. Members of the public will be able to address the Commission in an open comment session (see below).

This briefing is open to the public; doors open at 8:30 a.m. ET. The event will also live-stream at <https://www.youtube.com/user/USCCR/videos>. (Streaming information subject to change.) If attending in person, we ask that you RSVP to [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov). Persons with disabilities who

need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at 202-376-8105 or at [access@uscrr.gov](mailto:access@uscrr.gov) at least seven (7) business days before the date of the meeting.

We will offer an open comment session in which members of the public will be able to address the Commission. Detailed information on this open comment session, including details on how to register for a speaking slot, will be announced on the Commission's website ([www.uscrr.gov](http://www.uscrr.gov)), Twitter ([www.twitter.com/USCRRgov](http://www.twitter.com/USCRRgov)), and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/USCRRgov/](http://www.facebook.com/USCRRgov/)) in advance of the briefing.

In addition, the Commission welcomes the submission of additional material for consideration as we prepare our report. Please submit such information no later than March 25, 2019 to [womeninprison@uscrr.gov](mailto:womeninprison@uscrr.gov) or OCRE/Public Comments, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425.

**Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars**

*Introductory Remarks:* Chair Catherine E. Lhamon: 9:00 a.m.—9:10 a.m.

*Panel One:* Overview of Women in Prison: Statistics, Constitutional Protections, Classification, and Family Disruption: 9:10 a.m.—10:40 a.m.

*Panel Two:* An Analysis of Women's Health, Personal Dignity, and Sexual Abuse in the U.S. Prison System: 10:50 a.m.—12:10 p.m.

*Panel Three:* Review of Treatment of Women Offenders While Incarcerated: 1:10 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

*Panel Four:* Rehabilitative Opportunities for Women in Prison & Life After Prison: 2:40 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

*Open Public Comment Session:* 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section above.)

*AdJourn:* 6:00 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change.

Dated: February 7, 2019.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Census Bureau**

**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.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* Annual Business Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-1004.

*Form Number(s):* ABS-L1—Initial Letter; ABS-L1R—Due Date Reminder; ABS-L2—Follow-up; ABS-1 Worksheet; ABS-2 Worksheet; ABS Email Follow-up.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 300,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 52 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 260,000.

*Needs and Uses:* In an effort to improve the measurement of business dynamics in the United States, the Census Bureau is conducting the Annual Business Survey (ABS). The ABS combines Census Bureau firm-level collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, reduce

operational costs, and operate more efficiently. The ABS replaced the five-year Survey of Business Owners (SBO) for employer businesses, the Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE), and the Business R&D and Innovation for Microbusinesses (BRDI-M) surveys. The ABS provides information on selected economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. Further, the survey measures research and development for microbusinesses, new business topics such as innovation and technology, as well as other business characteristics. The ABS is sponsored by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) and conducted by the Census Bureau for five years (2018–2022).

The ABS includes all nonfarm employer businesses filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, or any other type of corporation, with receipts of \$1,000 or more. The ABS samples approximately 850,000 employer businesses in 2018 and approximately 300,000 employer businesses in years 2019–2022. The sample is stratified by state, frame, and industry. The Census Bureau selects some companies with certainty based on volume of sales, payroll, number of paid employees or NAICS. All certainty cases are sure to be selected and represent only themselves.

The ABS is designed to incorporate new content each survey year based on topics of relevance. Each year the new module of questions is submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. The table below shows the proposed ABS content for each survey year.

**PROPOSED CONTENT FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS SURVEY**

Topic modules	Collection year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A. Owner Characteristics .....	Full .....	Reduced .....	Reduced .....	Full .....	Reduced.
B. Innovation .....	Full .....	Reduced .....	Full.		
C. Research & Development (1–9 employees only).	Full .....	Full .....	Full .....	Full .....	Full.
D. Technology and Intellectual Property.	Reduced (digital) ..	Full (automation) ..	Full (technology TBD).	Full (digital) .....	Full (automation).
E. Financing .....	Full .....	.....	.....	Full.	
F. Globalization .....	.....	.....	Full.		
G. Business Structure .....	Full .....	Full .....	Full .....	Full .....	Full.

The ABS collection is electronic only. Those selected for the survey receive an initial letter informing the respondents of their requirement to complete the

survey as well as instructions on accessing the survey. The 2019 ABS initial mailing is scheduled for July 2019. Responses will be due

approximately 30 days from initial mailing. Respondents will also receive a due date reminder approximately one week before responses are due. The