BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2019, 10:30 a.m. ET.


Subject: Notice of Meeting of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The U.S. Agency for Global Media’s (USAGM) Board of Governors (Board) will be meeting at the time and location listed above. The Board will vote on a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of its September 11, 2019 meeting and a resolution proposing Board meeting dates in 2020. The Board will receive a report from the USAGM’s Chief Executive Officer and Director.

This meeting will be available for public observation via streamed webcast, both live and on-demand, on the agency’s public website at www.usagm.gov. Information regarding this meeting, including any updates or adjustments to its starting time, can also be found on the agency’s public website.

The public may also attend this meeting in person at the address listed above as seating capacity permits.

Members of the public seeking to attend the meeting in person must register at https://usagmboardmeetingnovember2019.eventbrite.com by 12:00 p.m. (ET) on November 13. For more information, please contact USAGM Public Affairs at (202) 203–4400 or by email at pubaff@usagm.gov.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Oanh Tran at (202) 203–4545.

Oanh Tran, Executive Director.

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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, Commerce.

Title: 2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey Person Interview and Person Followup

OMB Control Number: 0607–XXXX.


Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 293,250.

This includes 190,000 housing units for Person Interview, 28,500 housing units for Person Interview Reinterview, 65,000 household members for Person Followup, and 9,750 housing units for Person Followup Reinterview.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 73,313 hours.

Needs and Uses:

The Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) for the 2020 Census will be conducted to provide estimates of census net coverage error and components of census coverage (such as correct enumerations, omissions, and erroneous enumerations, including duplicates) for housing units and people living in housing units to improve future censuses. The primary sampling unit is the Basic Collection Unit, which is the smallest unit of collection geography for 2020 Census listing operations. As in the past, including the 2020 Census Coverage Measurement program, the Post-Enumeration Survey operations and activities must be conducted separate from and independent of the 2020 Census operations.

The 2020 PES will use the dual-system estimation procedure, which depends on two independent systems of measurement. The independence between the PES and census operations is a fundamental necessity for dual-system estimation. The PES will comprise two independent enumerations of housing units and the household population within the same sample areas. These two enumerations are called the enumeration sample (E sample) and the population sample (P sample). The E sample contains the list of housing units and people enumerated in the 2020 Census within a sample of BCUs. The P sample contains housing units and people in the sample set of sample BCUs, but obtained independently from the census. The independent roster of housing units is obtained during the PES Independent Listing, while the independent roster of people is obtained during the PES Person Interview. The P sample housing units and people will be matched to all census housing units in the sample BCUs and surrounding BCUs. The resultant unit matching operations will be used to determine which PES and census addresses will be eligible to go to the PES Person Followup operation. The Person Followup operation will contain approximately 190,000 sample addresses. The Person Interview Reinterview operation will be a sample of those cases with an estimate 28,500 sample addresses.

The computer-assisted PES Person Followup instrument will collect the following information for the housing units included in this operation:

1. Roster of people living at the housing unit at the time of the PES Person Followup operation.

2. Census Day (April 1, 2020) address information for people who moved into the sample address since Census Day.

3. Other addresses where a person may have been counted on Census Day.

4. Information to determine where each person should have been counted on Census Day (according to Census residence criteria). For example, interviewers will probe for people who might have been left off the household roster, ask additional questions about people who moved from another address on Census Day to the sample address, and collect additional information for people with multiple addresses.

5. Demographic information for each person in the household on Interview Day or Census Day. These data items include name, date of birth, age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, and relationship to the householder.

6. Name and above information for any person who has moved out of the sample address since Census Day (if known).

7. Tenure of the household or address status for unoccupied housing units.

The PES Person Interview Reinterview is a quality control operation that will be conducted on about 15 percent of the PES Person Interview cases. The purpose of the PES Person Interview Reinterview is to confirm that the PES Person Interview interviewer conducted a PES Person Interview with a household member or a proxy respondent and to conduct the complete PES Person Interview as needed if the original interview seems questionable.

For each case identified during matching with discrepancies between the PES Person Followup operation and census, the Census Bureau will conduct a PES Person Followup operation for selected people in the household. During the PES Person Followup operation, interviewers will use paper questionnaires to obtain information about the selected person. The PES Person Followup operation will collect the information needed to determine
where each selected person should be counted on Census Day (according to 2020 Census residence rules). For example, interviewers will probe for additional addresses where the person may have stayed during the year and dates of stay for each address. The PES Person Followup Reinterview is a quality control operation that will be conducted on about 15 percent of the PES PFU cases. The purpose of the PES Person Followup Reinterview is to confirm that the PES Person Followup interviewer conducted a PES Person Followup interview with a household member or a proxy respondent and to conduct the complete PES Person Followup interview as needed if the original interview seems questionable.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: One Time.
Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory. Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 141 and 193.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Semi-Annual and Annual Data Collection Instruments for Economic Development Administration Grantees (Non-Infrastructure Programs)

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of 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 the proposed information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 13, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments, requests for additional information, or requests for copies of the proposed information collection instrument and instructions to Ksenia Shadrina, Lead Performance and Program Evaluation Analyst, Performance and National Programs Division, Economic Development Administration U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Mail Stop 71030, Washington, DC 20230, or via email at KShadrina@eda.gov or PRAcomments@doc.gov. All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a part of the public record and will be made available to the public, which may include posting them on the Regulations.gov website. Comments will generally be posted without change. Please do not include information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted may be publicly accessible. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket. Please note that comments that include a message stating the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments and will be made available to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) leads the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. 3121 et seq.) is EDA’s organic authority and is the primary legal authority under which EDA awards grants. Under PWEDA, EDA provides financial assistance to both rural and urban distressed communities by fostering entrepreneurship, innovation and productivity through investments in infrastructure development, capacity building and business development in order to attract private capital investments and new and better jobs to regions experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress.

EDA’s expansive portfolio of programs, the changing economy, and advances in the field of program evaluation make updates to EDA’s methods for performance measurement and program evaluation necessary in order to ensure transparency, accountability, and effectiveness of EDA investments. The recently passed Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–435) further emphasizes the importance of updating existing methodologies for performance measurement and program evaluation to align with evolving best practices.

EDA proposes revising Forms ED–916, ED–917, and ED–918, which are currently used to collect limited performance information on sponsored activities and resulting outcomes from the grantees receiving assistance under just three of EDA’s non-infrastructure programs: Partnership Planning, University Center, and the Trade and Adjustment Assistance for Firms, respectively. The revised Forms ED–916, ED–917, and ED–918 would instead comprehensively cover all of EDA’s non-infrastructure programs: Economic Adjustment Assistance (non-infrastructure projects), including new Revolving Loan Funds; Planning; Local Technical Assistance, including University Centers; Regional Innovation Strategies; Research and National Technical Assistance; and Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms. The data on program-sponsored activities and associated outcomes will be collected on semi-annual and annual bases, respectively.

The revised data collection instruments were developed through cooperative agreements with a number of leading research institutions, most notably SRI International. The methodology and applications for the instruments are described in the Innovative Metrics for Economic Development report and Toolkit for Economic Development Practitioners that are available on EDA’s website at www.eda.gov/performance/.

EDA does not propose to revise the remaining fourth form under this information collection, Form ED–915, which is used to collect information on infrastructure and existing revolving loan fund (RLF) projects funded through awards from EDA’s Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Form ED–915 would instead...