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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 7, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by March 13, 2020. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Field Crops Objective Yield—Substantive Change.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0088.

Summary of Collection: General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204 which specifies that “The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . .” The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies on the use of diverse surveys that show changes within the farming industry over time.

The current OMB approval for the Objective Yield (OY) Surveys, provides for the collection of data in major producing States for corn, upland cotton, fall potatoes, soybeans, and winter wheat. Major producing States are States that, when combined, produce over 75 percent of the respective commodities. Data from the OY surveys provide yield estimates for these commodities during the growing season and it is based on unbiased input by utilizing plant counts and other measurements during the growing season. Accurate yield estimates are extremely important because they are used in conjunction with price data to estimate production and value which are used in making policy decisions. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is requesting a substantive change to the Objective Yield program. The changes will include the following:

- Eliminating Potato Objective Yield

- Removing Louisiana and North Carolina from Cotton Objective Yield
- Eliminating the August survey period for Cotton (except Texas), Corn, and Soybeans
- Reducing sample sizes for all field crops included in this program.

Following the conclusion of each Census of Agriculture, NASS reviews our overall survey and estimation programs to see what changes or adjustments need to be made in order to optimize the funds we are provided. This is done for the purpose of achieving our primary functions of preparing and issuing State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, disposition, and prices and to collect information on related environmental and economic factors. This substantive change resulted in an overall decrease in response burden of approximately 1,113 hours. The target sample size for enumerated questionnaires will be reduced by approximately 2,600.

Need and Use of the Information: Objective Yield estimates for field crops are used by NASS to provide unbiased input by utilizing plant counts and other measurements during the growing season. Accurate yield estimates are extremely important because they are used in conjunction with price data to estimate production and value which are used in making policy decisions.

Description of Respondents: Farms sampled for the County Estimates—Row Crops.

Number of Respondents: 13,250.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Once.

Total Burden Hours: 4,343.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Michigan Advisory Committee

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 Michigan Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Friday, February 21, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. EST. The purpose of the meeting is to review the recommendations section of their report.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. EST. Public Call Information: Dial: 800-367-2403, Conference ID: 7298603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ana Victoria Fortes, DFO, at afortes@usccr.gov or 213-894-3437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the above toll-free call-in number. 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 1-800-877-8339 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 Regional Programs Unit Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 230 S. Dearborn St., Suite 2120, Chicago, IL 60604. 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 Regional Programs Office at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs 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, Michigan Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this

Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Office at the above email or street address.

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of January 28, 2020 Minutes
- III. Review Report Draft
 - a. Review Edits from Sharon Dolente and Edie Goldenberg
 - b. Recommendations
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: February 7, 2020.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 200127-0030]

Management and Organizational Practices Survey—Hospitals (MOPS-HP)

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of consideration and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is considering a proposal to conduct a Management and Organizational Practices Survey—Hospitals (MOPS-HP) as a joint project with Harvard Business School. Based on information and recommendations received by the Census Bureau, we understand that the data have significant application to the needs of other government agencies and the public. The MOPS-HP will collect data on management practices from Chief Nursing Officers (CNOs) at general, medical, and surgical hospitals to assist in identifying determinants of clinical and financial performance. These data are not publicly available from nongovernment or other governmental sources.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before March 13, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please direct all written comments to Edward Watkins, U.S. Census Bureau, Economy-Wide Statistics Division, 8K151, Washington, DC 20233-6600, or at edward.e.watkins.iii@census.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Edward Watkins at edward.e.watkins.iii@census.gov or 301-763-4750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is considering a proposal to conduct the MOPS-HP for survey year 2019 as a joint project with Harvard Business School. The MOPS-HP will utilize the Service Annual Survey (SAS) mail-out sample and will collect data on management practices from CNOs at general, medical, and surgical hospitals to assist in identifying determinants of clinical and financial performance.

Currently, no official statistics on management practices in hospitals exist. Past research shows these practices are related to health care providers' clinical and financial outcomes. This suggests that providing measures on management practices may potentially help the United States health care system, which is challenged by rising health care costs, increased demand from an aging society, and quality objectives. These data would permit users, such as Harvard Business School, to examine relationships between management practices and financial outcomes using Census Bureau data (*e.g.*, revenues) and relationships with clinical outcomes using external data sources. Additionally, these data would provide hospital administrators and managers information to evaluate their practices in comparison to other hospitals at an aggregate level.

The MOPS-HP content was proposed by external researchers with past experience in surveying hospitals on management practices. Some questions are adapted from the Management and Organizational Practices Survey (MOPS), conducted in the manufacturing sector, allowing for inter-sectoral comparisons. Content for the MOPS-HP includes performance monitoring, financial and clinical targets, and incentives. The 39 questions are grouped into the following sections: Tenure, Management Practices, Management Training, Management of Team Interactions, Staffing and Allocation of Human Resources, Standardized Clinical Protocols, Documentation of Patients' Medical Records, and Organizational Characteristics.

The MOPS-HP sample will consist of approximately 4,500 hospital locations for enterprises classified under General Medical and Surgical Hospitals (NAICS 6221) and sampled in the SAS. The survey will be mailed separately from