

The action taken in this notice will extend the application window until midnight, based on the time zone the applicant is located in, on April 15, 2020. This is an extension from the March 12, 2020 Federal Notice (75 FR 14458) that set the application window at midnight, based on the time zone the applicant is located in, on March 31 30, 2020. This action is being taken by the Agency to ensure a successful round of funding under the ReConnect Program.

**Chad Rupe,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### U.S. Census Bureau

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2020–2022 Report of Organization

**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 a proposed extension of the Report of Organization, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Thomas Smith, PRA Liaison, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 7K250A, Washington, DC 20233 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)). You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2020-0008, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. 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. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Carrie Hill, Economic Statistical Methods Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 5H069, Washington, DC 20233-6100 (or by email at [Carrie.Anne.Hill@census.gov](mailto:Carrie.Anne.Hill@census.gov).)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Report of Organization to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR) database. In particular, the Report of Organization supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-location companies.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and name and address information.

Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP publications present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, island areas, counties, and country-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

##### II. Method of Collection

The 2020–2022 Report of Organization collection strategy will focus on electronic reporting as the standard collection option. The 2020–2021 Report of Organization will request company-level information from a selection of multi-establishment enterprises, which comprise roughly 42,000 parent companies and more than 1.4 million establishments. Additionally, the panel will include approximately 5,000 large single-

location companies that may have added locations during the year.

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2022 Report of Organization in conjunction with the 2022 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections to minimize response burden. The consolidated Report of Organization/census mail canvass will direct inquiries to the entire universe of multi-location enterprises that comprises roughly 165,000 parent companies and more than 1.9 million establishments. Additional Report of Organization inquiries will apply to the 15,000 multi-unit establishments classified in industries that are out-of-scope of the economic census.

Electronic reporting will be available to all 2020–2022 Report of Organization respondents. Companies will receive and return responses by secure internet transmission. The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by domestic or foreign parent, ownership of foreign affiliates, leased employment and cooperative organization. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classification, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll and annual payroll.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0444.

*Form Number(s):* NC-99001 (for multi-establishment enterprises during 2020–2022) and NC-99007 (for single-location companies during 2020–2021).

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 47,000 per year for 2020–2021 and 165,000 for 2022.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 3.4 hours for 2020–2021 and 0.44 hours for 2022.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 159,800 hours for 2020–2021 and 72,600 hours for 2022.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 131 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) 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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 25, 2020.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Office of the Secretary

#### Renewal of Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request; The Environmental Questionnaire and Checklist (EQC)

**AGENCY:** Office of Facilities and Environmental Quality, 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 comment on continuing the Environmental Questionnaire and Checklist, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written or online comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to the Department Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto: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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the DOC PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Policy and Governance, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Room 6616, Washington, DC 20230 (202) 482-3306 or at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) require that federal agencies complete an environmental analysis for all major federal actions significantly affecting the environment. Those actions may include a federal agency's decision to fund non-federal projects under grants and cooperative agreements, including infrastructure projects. In order to determine NEPA compliance requirements for a project receiving Department of Commerce (DOC) bureau-level funding, DOC must assess information which can only be provided by the applicant for federal financial assistance (grant).

The Environmental Questionnaire and Checklist (EQC) provides federal financial assistance applicants and DOC staff with a tool to ensure that the necessary project and environmental information is obtained. The EQC was developed to collect data concerning potential environmental impacts that the applicant for federal financial assistance possesses and to transmit that information to the Federal reviewer. The EQC allows for a more rapid review of projects and facilitate DOC's evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of a project and level of NEPA documentation required. DOC staff use the information provided in answers to the questionnaire to determine compliance requirements for NEPA and conduct subsequent NEPA analysis as needed. Information provided in the questionnaire may also be used for other regulatory review requirements

associated with the proposed project, such as the National Historic Preservation Act.

##### II. Method of Collection

The primary method of collection will be the internet (electronically). Some supporting documents may be emailed or mailed.

##### II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0690-0028.

*Form Number:* CD-593.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; and Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$1,200 in mailing costs (\$6 × approximately 200 respondents who choose to mail rather than email attachments).

##### 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) 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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 25, 2020.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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