11. Members must be a producer of citrus with representation from the following States: Five members from Arizona or California, five members from Florida, and one member from Texas.

The Citrus Disease Subcommittee is soliciting nominations to fill three vacant positions for membership:
- Two positions to represent Florida, and
- one position to represent California or Arizona.

All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to a category.

Done at Washington, DC, this day of November 2, 2020.

Steve Censky,
Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
interested in the work of this Committee are also directed to the Commission’s website, http://www.usccr.gov, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit office at the above email or phone number.

Agenda
Welcome and Roll Call
Discussion: COVID–19 & Voting Rights in Michigan
Public Comment
Adjournment


David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Management and Organizational Practices Survey—Hospitals (MOPS–HP)

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 60 days of public comment on a proposed new information collection, the Management and Organizational Practices Survey—Hospitals (MOPS–HP). An information collection request (ICR) for the MOPS–HP was submitted to OMB for approval on July 7, 2020 and is currently pending OMB review.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov. Please reference Management and Organizational Practices Survey—Hospitals (MOPS–HP) in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2020–0029, 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 specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Edward Watkins at edward.e.watkins.iii@census.gov or 301–763–4750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the Management and Organizational Practices Survey—Hospitals (MOPS–HP) for survey year 2020 as a joint project with Harvard Business School. The MOPS–HP will utilize a subset of the Service Annual Survey mail-out sample and will collect data on management practices from Chief Nursing Officers (CNOs) at general medical and surgical hospitals to assist in studying their relationship to clinical and financial performance.

A notice seeking public comment on our plans to conduct this survey was previously published in the Federal Register on February 12, 2020, on pages 4623–4624. That notice proposed collecting data for survey years 2019 and 2014, but collection has been adjusted due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has further highlighted the relevance of hospital management practices, especially as they relate to hospitals’ abilities to respond to shocks to their organization and the health care system. In light of this, the Census Bureau has modified the survey proposal to collect data for reference years 2020 and 2019. This change seeks to directly measure management practices and protocols before and during the pandemic to obtain a better understanding of how hospitals have had to adjust and pivot operations during this public health emergency.

The Census Bureau also plans to include two additional questions in the MOPS–HP content to help improve measurement of hospital preparedness. These questions will provide information on two elements of responsiveness, hospitals’ coordinated deployment of frontline clinical workers and hospitals’ ability to quickly respond to needed changes in standardized clinical protocols. In an effort to limit respondent burden while adding this content, adjustments were made to keep the total number of questions and estimated burden per response unchanged. The project plan, schedule, and collection strategy are being actively monitored, and adjustments will be made as necessary, as the Census Bureau is cognizant and respectful of the time, resources, and burden placed on CNOs during the pandemic.

After the close of this second comment period, the Census Bureau will submit these planned changes as an amendment to the ICR, which is currently pending review at OMB. Any comments received by the close of the comment period will be summarized and included in the amendment.

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 study shows 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 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 useful 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 intersectoral 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 Patient Medical Records, and Organizational Characteristics.