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 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.

Comments may be sent by the following method:


Title: Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement

OMB Control Number: 0570–0073

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2021

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

Abstract: The USDA BioPreferred Program provides that qualifying biobased products that fall under product categories (generic groups of biobased products) that have been designated for preferred procurement by rule making are required to be purchased by Federal agencies in lieu of their fossil energy-based counterparts, with certain limited exceptions. Further, USDA is required by section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and the Agricultural Act of 2014, and the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, to provide certain information on qualified biobased products to Federal agencies. To meet these statutory requirements, USDA will gather that information from manufacturers and vendors of biobased products. The information sought by USDA can be transmitted electronically using the website http://www.biopreferred.gov. If for any reason the requested information cannot be electronically transmitted, USDA will provide technical assistance to support the transmission of information to USDA. The information collected will enable USDA to meet statutory information requirements that will then permit USDA to designate product categories for preferred procurement under the BioPreferred Program. Once product categories are designated, manufacturers and vendors of qualifying biobased products that fall under these designated product categories will benefit from preferred procurement by Federal agencies. This collection was previously approved under 0503–0011, and on February 4, 2021, was transferred to Rural Development and assigned OMB Control No. 0570–0073.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 40 hours per response.

Respondents: Manufacturers and vendors of biobased products.

Participation is entirely voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 220

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One per manufacturer or vendor.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,800 hours, one time only. Manufacturers and vendors are only asked to respond once for each stand-alone product or product family. Therefore, there is no ongoing annual paperwork burden on respondents unless they wish to add additional stand-alone products or product families. Furthermore, their participation in the BioPreferred Program is entirely voluntary.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimble Brown, Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, at (202) 720–6780, Email: kimble.brown@wdc.usda.gov.

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

Mark Brodziski,
Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Meetings of the Minnesota 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 Minnesota Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting via the online platform WebEx on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Central Time. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights concerns in the state.

DATES: The meeting will be held on:
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Central Time.

Web link: https://civilrights.webex.com/civilrights/j.php?MTID=m420abbb3fcb9ad88e6b941423d45b858

Join by phone: 800–360–9505 USA Toll Free
Access Code: 199 498 4717

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Barreras, Designated Federal Officer, at dbarreras@uscrr.gov or (202) 499–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may listen to this discussion through the above call-in number. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. 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. An individual who is deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing 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 entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to David Barreras at dbarreras@uscrr.gov.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit 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, Minnesota Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission’s website, http://www.uscrr.gov, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email address.

Agenda
I. Welcome & Roll Call
II. Chair’s Comments
III. Committee Discussion
IV. Public Comment
VI. Adjournment


David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meetings of the Illinois Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

Notice of Public Meetings of the Illinois 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 Illinois Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting via the online platform WebEx on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Central Time. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to start preparing for their upcoming WebEx briefing on Education and Civil Rights concerns in the state.

DATES: The meeting will be held on:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Barreras, Designated Federal Officer, at dbarreras@usccr.gov or (202) 499–4066.

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Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will become available, both before and after the meeting. Written comments must be submitted on or before May 20, 2021. ADDRESSES: Please direct all written comments on this proposed program via email at geo.urban@census.gov to Vincent Osier, Geographic Standards, Criteria, and Quality Branch, Geography Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Please note that paper comments cannot be reviewed due to limited building access caused by the COVID–19 pandemic. Phone: 301–763–1128.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information on this proposed program should be directed to Vincent Osier, Geographic Standards, Criteria, and Quality Branch, Geography Division, U.S. Census Bureau, via email at geo.urban@census.gov. Phone: 301–763–1128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau’s urban area classification is fundamentally a delineation of geographical areas, identifying individual urban areas as well as the rural portion of the nation. The Census Bureau’s urban areas represent densely developed territory, and encompass residential, commercial, and other non-residential urban land uses. The boundaries of the urban areas have been defined primarily by using measures based on population counts and residential population density, and also by using measures based on criteria that account for non-residential urban land uses, such as commercial, industrial, transportation, and open space that are part of the urban landscape.

The Census Bureau does not take into account or attempt to meet the requirements of any nonstatistical uses of these areas or their associated data. Nonetheless, the Census Bureau recognizes that some federal and state agencies use the Census Bureau’s urban area classification for nonstatistical uses such as allocating program funds, setting program standards, and implementing aspects of their programs. The agencies that use the classification and data for such nonstatistical uses should be aware that the changes to the urban area criteria also might affect the implementation of their programs. In addition, the Census Bureau is not responsible for the use of its urban area classification in nonstatistical programs. If a federal, tribal, state, or local agency uses the urban area classification for nonstatistical purposes, it is that agency’s responsibility to ensure that the classification is appropriate for such use.

(1) History

Over the course of a century defining urban areas, the Census Bureau has introduced conceptual and methodological changes to ensure that the urban area classification keeps pace with changes in settlement patterns and with changes in theoretical and practical approaches to interpreting and understanding the definition of urban areas. Prior to the 1950 Census, the Census Bureau primarily defined “urban” as any population, housing,