government agencies, such as the International Trade Commission, Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, BEA, and International Trade Administration use the data for industrial analysis, projections, and monitoring import penetration. Private business firms and organizations use the data for trend projections, market analysis, product planning, and other economic and business-oriented analysis.

Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes, the CIR surveys are divided into ''waves.'' There are three waves that include the mandatory and voluntary surveys. Mandatory and voluntary surveys historically have been divided into separate clearance requests, making six separate clearances. Each year, one wave (or two clearance requests) is submitted for OMB review. We are now combining the mandatory and voluntary surveys of each wave into one clearance request, reducing the total number of clearance requests from six to three, and the number of OMB submissions annually from two to one. This year we are submitting the mandatory and voluntary surveys contained in Wave I for OMB review.

Also, in this request, we are converting the MA311D, ''Confectionery'' and MA333N, ''Fluid Power Products'' from mandatory collections to voluntary. Due to a lack of funding, we are discontinuing M336L, ''Truck Trailers'' and MQ332E, ''Plumbing Fixtures.''

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Wave I contains surveys that are conducted quarterly and annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Wave I contains both mandatory and voluntary surveys.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395–5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dhynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (*susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov*).

Dated: July 15, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 1 of the 2004 Panel

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 proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *DHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Judith H. Eargle, U.S. Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3387, Washington, DC 20233–8400, (301) 763–3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the SIPP which is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels. New panels are introduced every few years with each panel usually having durations of one to four years. Respondents are interviewed at 4-month intervals or ''waves'' over the life of the panel. The survey is molded around a central ''core'' of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of the panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to address specific needs, such as obtaining information on household members participation in government programs as well as prior labor force patterns of household members. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as ''topical modules.''

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic-policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983 permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The 2004 panel is currently scheduled for 4 years and will include 12 waves of interviewing beginning February 2004. Approximately 62,000 households will be selected for the 2004 panel, of which, 46,000 are expected to be interviewed. We estimate that each household will contain 2.1 people, yielding 96,600 interviews in Wave 1 and subsequent waves. Interviews take 30 minutes on average. Two waves of interviewing will occur in the 2004 SIPP Panel during FY 2004. The total annual burden for 2004 Panel SIPP interviews would be 96,600 hours in FY 2004.

The topical modules for the 2004 Panel Wave 1 collect information about:

- Recipiency History
- Employment History

Wave 1 interviews will be conducted from February 2004 through May 2004.

A 10-minute reinterview of 3,100 people is conducted at each wave to ensure accuracy of responses. Reinterviews would require an additional 1,035 burden hours in FY 2004.

II. Method of Collection

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every few years with each panel having durations of 1 to 4 years. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. During the 2004 panel, respondents are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample people (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP primary sampling unit will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Individuals 15 years old or older who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these individuals move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample individual.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 96,600 people per wave.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 97,635.

Estimated Annual Cost to the Public: The only cost to respondents is their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 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 or included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 15, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Services Survey

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David Lassman, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2744, FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233–6500, and (301) 763–7202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau proposes a new quarterly survey of service industry activity called the Quarterly Services Survey (QSS). The QSS will begin a new economic indicator series which will produce, for selected service industries, quarterly estimates of total operating revenue and the percentage of revenue by class of customer. In addition, we also plan to collect total operating expenses from tax-exempt firms in industries that have a large not-for-profit component. Selected service industries include information, professional scientific and technical services, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services. We plan to expand the QSS to include hospitals and nursing and residential care facilities beginning the first quarter 2005.

We will mail the survey at the end of March 2004 and produce estimates for the fourth quarter 2003 and first quarter 2004. The first public data release will be in September 2004 covering the fourth quarter of 2003 and the first two quarters of 2004. We will release estimates no later than 90 days after the end of the quarter for each quarter thereafter. Our eventual goal, however, will be to reduce this period to 75 days after the end of the calendar quarter.

The data will be collected from all of the largest firms and from a sample of small- and medium-sized businesses selected using a stratified sampling procedure. Each quarter the sample will be updated to reflect the addition of new business births and firms and organizations that have gone out of business.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis will use data gathered in this survey to significantly improve its quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and GDP by industry estimates. The data will provide the Federal Reserve Board and Council of Economic Advisors with timely information to assess current economic performance. Other government and private stakeholders will also benefit from a better understanding of important cyclical components of our economy.

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, fax, and a telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number(s): QS–1(A), QS–1(E), QS–2(A), QS–2(E), QS–3(A), QS–3(E).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions, and government hospitals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondents for fiscal year 2004 is estimated to be $130,920 based on the median hourly salary of $21.82 for accountants and auditors. (Occupational Employment Statistics-Bureau of Labor Statistics ''2001 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates'') *http://www.bls.gov/oes/2001/oes132022.htm.*

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 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