

information such as updated income and financial information, etc., to ensure the customer qualifies for the assistance, and is provided with the correct benefits based upon their circumstances.

Direct single family housing loans are only provided to customers who cannot obtain other credit for their housing needs. Customers are required by statute to refinance with another lender when they are financially able. To ensure the Agency meets its statutory responsibilities, existing customers may be requested to submit updated income and financial information for the Agency to make a determination as to whether they can "graduate" to other credit. In addition, should a customer default on a loan which results in liquidation, the Agency needs updated income and financial information to settle any outstanding indebtedness.

With the implementation of EGOV in June 2002, individuals are able to make application on line. We have 49 eForms which the public can access and print for personal use. RHS is committed to automation and reducing the burden upon the public.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .31 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Applicants seeking direct single family housing loans and grants from the Agency and approximately 507,000 existing customers who have active loans and grants under the Section 502 and 504 programs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 3.33.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 509,872 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.

#### Comments

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Housing Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Rural Housing Service's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 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 to Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. 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.

Dated: September 5, 2002.

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*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau.

*Title:* 2002 Report of Organization (Company Organization Survey).

*Form Number(s):* NC-99001.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0444.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 91,255 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 182,000.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau is requesting a revision of the currently approved Company Organization Survey (COS) data collection for the 2002 survey year. The Census Bureau will conduct the 2002 COS in conjunction with the 2002 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections so as to minimize response burden. The Census Bureau will add a question in the 2002 COS in order to enhance content. We will include a question on the number of leased employees working in the company.

The Census Bureau conducts the annual COS in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR), formerly known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multiestablishment enterprises.

COS inquiries to each of the 182,000 multiestablishment enterprises will include questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Additional COS inquiries will apply to approximately 5,000 enterprises that operate some 25,000 establishments classified in industries that are out-of-scope of the Economic Censuses. These additional inquiries will list an inventory of establishments and request updates to the inventory, including additions, deletions, and changes to Federal Employer Identification number, name and address, and industrial classification. Further, the additional inquiries will collect the following basic operating data for each listed establishment: end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll. The Economic Census will collect data for all other establishments of multiestablishment enterprises, including those items listed above.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131, 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](mailto: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, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 10, 2002.

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