

throughout America. Experts from NTIA's BroadbandUSA program are available to provide technical assistance and to connect stakeholders with additional resources, such as best practices, guides and program models.

NTIA's BroadbandUSA team convenes events around the country to bring together government, industry and non-profit personnel working to expand broadband connectivity and improve digital inclusion and workforce skills. These webinars are among the events BroadbandUSA uses to share broadband information with the public, broadband stakeholders, tribal, local and state governments and federal programs.

Details on specific webinar topics and webinar registration information will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website, <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov> under Events. These webinars are subject to change. Webinar time changes will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website, <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov> under Events, at least thirty days in advance of the webinar. Any webinar cancellation will also be posted on the same website. Any date changes will be published in a new **Federal Register** notice and posted on the website. The presentation, transcript, and recording of each webinar will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website within 7 days following the live webinar.

The public is invited to participate in these webinars. General questions and comments are welcome at any time during webinars via email to [BroadbandUSAwebinars@ntia.gov](mailto:BroadbandUSAwebinars@ntia.gov). The webinars are open to the public and press. Pre-registration is recommended. NTIA asks each registrant to provide their first and last name, city, state, zip code, job title, organization and email address for both registration purposes and to receive any updates on the BroadbandUSA program via email at [BroadbandUSA@ntia.gov](mailto:BroadbandUSA@ntia.gov). Information on webinar content and how to register for one or more webinars will be available on NTIA's website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov> under Events. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify the NTIA contact listed above at least seven (7) business days before the meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 200813-0218]

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#### NTIA Internet Use Survey Questionnaire Development

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is seeking comments and recommendations for possible revisions to questions asked on the NTIA internet Use Survey. This long-running survey of individuals and households covers a range of topics related to digital inclusion and other internet policy issues, including the adoption of different types of devices and internet access technologies, locations of internet use, online activities, and challenges preventing some Americans from taking full advantage of the internet. This Notice and Request for Public Comments is an opportunity for members of the public to provide input as to what question additions, revisions, or deletions NTIA should consider in updating the survey instrument.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 17, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by email to [data@ntia.gov](mailto:data@ntia.gov). Please reference Docket No. 200813-0218 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rafi Goldberg, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; Telephone: (202) 482-4375; Email: [rgoldberg@ntia.gov](mailto:rgoldberg@ntia.gov). For media inquiries: Stephen Yusko, Office of Public Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4897, Washington, DC 20230; Telephone: (202) 482-7002; Email: [press@ntia.gov](mailto:press@ntia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since 1994, NTIA has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to produce the NTIA internet Use Survey (approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0060-0021), an

important source of data for informing solutions to digital inclusion and other internet-related public policy challenges. This long-running survey of individuals and households covers a range of topics related to digital inclusion and other internet policy issues, including the adoption of different types of devices and internet access technologies, locations of internet use, online activities, and challenges preventing some Americans from taking full advantage of the internet. The survey is administered as a periodic supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey that includes approximately 50,000 households across all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The CPS is the source of certain national labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate. The Census Bureau uses a combination of in-person and live telephone interviews to gather data on every individual living in each surveyed household, including both demographic and labor force information. By contracting with the Census Bureau to field the NTIA internet Use Survey as a CPS Supplement, NTIA benefits from the CPS's existing infrastructure and sophisticated design, as well as the Census Bureau's considerable expertise.

The main goal of the NTIA internet Use Survey is to inform evidence-based analysis and development of internet policy generally, and particularly to support solutions that increase digital inclusion and bridge the digital divide. NTIA staff use the resulting data internally and in publications to help inform policymakers; relevant NTIA publications can be found at <https://www.ntia.gov/data>. Additionally, much of the value of the NTIA internet Use Survey comes from research and analysis performed by members of the public. The academic studies and other work produced externally using NTIA internet Use Survey datasets, which are publicly released following Census Bureau measures to protect respondent confidentiality, contribute substantially to the state of knowledge in internet policy and further advance discourse among policymakers, researchers, and advocates.

Over the last 25 years, NTIA has continually sought to update the questions asked on the NTIA internet Use Survey as the technologies Americans use to communicate, learn, work, and participate in the digital economy—and the terms used to describe those technologies—evolve, and as new policy challenges emerge. NTIA and many external data users also value the ability to track changes in internet use and related metrics over

time, necessitating some level of consistency between surveys. Further, against the backdrop of these sometimes competing interests, NTIA must also be mindful of the burden on respondents and the potential that an excessively long or complex survey could lead to reductions on response rates. With those constraints in mind, NTIA last redesigned the survey instrument in collaboration with our Census Bureau partners prior to the 2015 edition of the survey, implemented additional improvements for the 2017 survey, and redeployed that same questionnaire for the most recent survey in 2019. In an effort to explore further refinements to the survey instrument ahead of future data collections, NTIA is contracting with the Census Bureau to conduct cognitive testing of current and proposed questions beginning late 2020. Prior to implementing any substantive changes to the survey questions, Census Bureau staff test the draft survey instrument with members of the public, and use the results to recommend changes that improve the performance of individual questions and the survey instrument overall.

Before submitting a draft survey instrument for testing, NTIA is soliciting feedback from the public as to how it might further improve the questions asked in the survey—including, but not limited to, anyone who has used the survey data or is interested in doing so. NTIA intends to build on previous work by adding, deleting, or modifying questions asked in the 2019 NTIA internet Use Survey, preserving where possible the ability to track changes over time while also improving the efficacy and utility of the survey instrument. Interested parties can find the most recent survey instrument at [https://www.ntia.gov/files/ntia/blogimages/november\\_2019\\_cps\\_supplement\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://www.ntia.gov/files/ntia/blogimages/november_2019_cps_supplement_-_final.pdf), and previous versions of the questionnaire can be found in the technical documentation accompanying each public use dataset, available from <https://www.ntia.gov/page/download-digital-nation-datasets>.

NTIA invites all suggestions of possible survey instrument changes to submit for cognitive testing. The following questions serve as a non-exhaustive guide to some of the survey design issues commenters may wish to address:

1. Should NTIA be aware of any past or future planned uses of data from the NTIA internet Use Survey? If so, which survey questions or topics were or would be most important to accomplishing this work?
2. What questions, if any, should NTIA propose adding to the NTIA

internet Use Survey? New questions could either expand on an existing topic, e.g., an additional type of computing device or online activity not currently tracked, or address an entirely new topic in computer or internet use. Commenters may wish to discuss the desired response format (yes or no, multiple choice, etc.), unit of measurement (individuals, households, or a subset of either), and other details of the data to be collected. Further, parties proposing new questions may consider commenting on how NTIA should address any resulting increase in respondent burden, including time needed to administer the survey.

3. Which existing questions, if any, should NTIA consider modifying for future editions of the NTIA internet Use Survey? NTIA may modify the text of an existing survey question in a range of situations, including when recent developments suggest a need for new terminology or answer choices, or when a different question structure may reduce respondent burden or improve the resulting data. Commenters may suggest changes in general terms or by proposing specific question text. If desired, parties may also comment on any potential impacts to time-series comparisons.

4. Which existing questions, if any, should NTIA consider removing from the NTIA internet Use Survey? Reasons NTIA may consider removing a question include, but are not limited to, lack of practical utility (or lesser utility compared with potential new questions), challenges to collecting accurate data through a household survey, or events obviating the continued need for a previously important question. Please comment on any challenges that may result from question removal, including the loss of time-series comparisons.

5. In addition to questions discussed above, are there any questions or general issues related to the NTIA internet Use Survey that should be of particular focus during the cognitive testing process? The Census Bureau will test the entire draft survey instrument, creating an opportunity to assess the performance of all questions individually and collectively.

#### *Instructions for Commenters:*

Commenters are encouraged to address any or all of the questions in this Notice and Request for Public Comments. Comments that contain references to studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials with the submitted comments. Comments submitted by email should be machine-readable and should not be

copy-protected. Commenters should include the name of the person or organization filing the comment, as well as a page number on each page of their submissions. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

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## **COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038–0059: Part 41, Relating to Security Futures Products**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission” or “CFTC”) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the extension of a proposed collection of certain information by the agency. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments, as described below, on the proposed Information Collection Request (“ICR”) titled: Part 41, Relating to Security Futures Products; OMB Control Number 3038–0059.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 19, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control No. 3038–0059, by any of the following methods:

- The Agency’s website, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method. All comments must be