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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by January 2, 2025 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Unified website for Biotechnology Regulation; Contact Page. *OMB Control Number:* 0579–NEW.

*Summary:* In 1986, the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology (Coordinated Framework) was published by the Office of Science and Technology Policy and explained the regulatory roles for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), (herein, the Agencies) and how Federal agencies use existing Federal statutes to ensure public health and environmental safety while maintaining regulatory flexibility to avoid impeding the growth of the biotechnology industry. The Coordinated Framework was subsequently updated in 1992 (57 FR 6753–6762; February 27, 1992) and 2017, taking into account advances that had occurred in the field of biotechnology.

Within the USDA, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS') Biotechnology Regulatory Services unit is responsible for ensuring that organisms developed using genetic engineering, such as genetically modified plants, insects, and microbes do not pose a plant pest risk. APHIS derives its authority to promulgate its biotechnology regulations from provisions of the Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) and the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (VRTA, 21 U.S.C. 151–159). The EPA is charged with protecting human health and the environment through ensuring the safety of pesticides and other chemicals, including those developed using genetic engineering. The EPA derives its regulatory authority from provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*) and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). The FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by ensuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, and medical devices; and by ensuring the safety of our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation, which includes oversight of food and feed. FDA derives its regulatory authority from provisions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic

Act (FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 301–392). Together with the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), FDA has oversight of certain chemicals modified using genetic engineering. FSIS derives its regulatory authority from the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA, 21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Protection Act (PPIA, 21 U.S.C. ch.10, 451 *et seq.*).

On September 12, 2022, Executive Order (E.O.) 14081, *Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure American Bioeconomy*, was published and directed the Agencies, among other things, to build on the Unified website for Biotechnology Regulation developed pursuant to E.O. 13874, *Modernizing the Regulatory Framework for Agricultural Biotechnology Products*, June 11, 2019, by including on the website the information developed under subsection (b) of section 8 of E.O. 14081, and by enabling developers of biotechnology products to submit inquiries about a particular product and promptly receive a single, coordinated response that provides, to the extent practicable, information and, when appropriate, informal guidance regarding the process that the developers must follow for Federal regulatory review.

*Need and Use of Information:* The necessity for this information collection arises from E.O. 13874, Section 5, *Unified Biotechnology Web-Based Platform*, and E.O. 14081, Section 8(d). These provisions seek to ensure that innovators can easily navigate the Federal regulatory system for products of biotechnology by directing USDA, EPA, and FDA to jointly establish a web-based platform that contains and provides links to relevant United States Government regulatory information for biotechnology products. USDA–APHIS, EPA, and FDA will use a web-form on the contact page of the Unified website to enable site visitors to ask questions, make comments, or request a meeting with one or all of the sponsoring agencies. The web-form will collect basic contact information such as the name and email address of contact page respondents, as well as the respondents' questions or comments and their meeting requests. Respondent use of the contact page is voluntary.

*Description of Respondents:* Business. *Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting:  
On occasion; Annual.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 15.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Spatial, Address, and Imagery Data Program**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

*Title:* Spatial, Address, and Imagery Data Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-1008.

*Form Number(s):* Feedback Form.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, request for a revision of a currently approved collection.

*Number of Respondents:*

- Census Bureau Contact with Respondents: 1,500 (500/year).
- Census Bureau Acquisition of Respondent Geographic Data and Content Clarification: 750 (250/year).
- Feedback: 75 (25/year).

*Average Hours per Response:*

- Census Bureau Contact with Respondents: 1 hour.
- Census Bureau Acquisition of Respondent Geographic Data and Content Clarification: 1.5 hours.
- Feedback: 1 hour.

*Burden Hours:* 2,700 hours.

- Census Bureau Contact with Respondents: 1,500 hours.
- Census Bureau Acquisition of Respondent Geographic Data and Content Clarification: 1,125 hours.

- Feedback: 75 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Spatial, Address, and Imagery Data (SAID) Program is one of many voluntary geographic partnership programs that collects data to update and maintain the U.S. Census Bureau's geographic database, known as the Master Address File/Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (MAF/TIGER) System. The MAF/TIGER System is vital for the Census Bureau to collect, process, tabulate, and disseminate data.

The geographic framework within the MAF/TIGER System enables the Census Bureau field personnel to navigate to the appropriate locations for data collection. It enables the Census Bureau to define geographic boundaries, including census blocks, and accurately link demographic data from surveys and the decennial census to census blocks, locations, and areas, such as counties, cities, and school districts for data tabulation and dissemination.

The SAID Program supports the Census Bureau's ongoing demographic surveys and 2030 Census planning efforts by continuing to improve address coverage, collect and update street centerlines, and enhance the overall quality and integrity of the MAF/TIGER System after major census update programs have concluded. The SAID Program provides the Census Bureau with a continuous method to obtain current, accurate, and complete address, street centerline, and imagery data.

Since its inception, the SAID Program has allowed the Census Bureau to update addresses and street centerlines across the country. Moving forward, the SAID Program will continue to acquire addresses, street centerlines, and imagery in areas identified with housing unit growth or change or where the Census Bureau has inadequate coverage or data, to continue updating and improving the MAF/TIGER System.

The Census Bureau is adding a feedback component to its geographic partnership programs to improve the administration of the respective program and potentially reduce the future burden. Participants may be asked to provide their feedback on materials, method(s) of data collection, manner of communications, and the usability of the program applications and tools.

The SAID Program follows the process below:

- The Census Bureau invites partners in targeted areas to participate each fiscal year, including Tribal, State, county, and local governments; Federal agencies; and other authoritative organizations.

- Partners are asked to provide a current address list with associated location points and attributes, a street centerline file, and/or imagery data for their jurisdiction that is no more than two years old.

- Partners upload the requested data files using the Secure Web Incoming Module (SWIM) or equivalent file transfer module, deliver large imagery datasets on hard drives, or the Census Bureau acquires the files/data through direct download. If the data file size is too large to submit through SWIM, a hard drive will be sent to the participant for file upload and sent back to the Census Bureau.

- The Census Bureau validates, then updates the MAF/TIGER System with the address and street centerline data provided by partners and uses the provided imagery for quality control and change detection.

- The Census Bureau uses these updated addresses, streets, and imagery to support Census Bureau field operations, decennial census operations, ongoing demographic survey response collection, and data tabulation.

- The Census Bureau provides partners feedback regarding the data they supplied.

*Affected Public:* Tribal, State, county, and local governments, and organizations as well as other Federal agencies.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* 13 U.S.C. 6, 16, 141, and 193.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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