

historical population census records. Information relating to age, place of birth, and citizenship is provided upon payment of the established fee to individuals for their use in qualifying for social security, old age benefits, retirement, court litigation, passports, insurance settlements, etc. The census records maintained in this unit are confidential by an Act of Congress. The Census Bureau is prohibited by federal laws from disclosing any information contained in the records except upon written request from the person to whom the information pertains or to a legal representative.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain a benefit.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 8a.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: 2008 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey.

Form Number(s): H-100, H-105, H-108, H-100(L), H-100L(A).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0757.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Burden: 10,175 hours.

Number of Respondents: 20,500.

Average Hours Per Response: 27 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests approval to conduct the 2008 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey (NYCHVS). The Census Bureau will conduct this survey for the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (NYCHPD). Pursuant to the Local Emergency Housing Rent Control Act (Chapter 8603, Laws of New York, 1963, as amended by Chapter 657, Laws of New York, 1967) and Sections 26-414 and 26-415 of the Administrative Code of the City, a survey is required in order to determine the supply, condition, and vacancy rate of housing in the city. The NYCHPD must take this survey every three years. The Census Bureau has conducted this survey for the city since 1962, most recently in 2002 under the authority of Title 13 U.S.C., section 8b.

Census Bureau interviewers will conduct personal visit interviews for a sample of housing units in the City, the vast majority of which are rental units in multi-unit rental structures (apartment buildings). Single-family rental or owner-occupied units (houses), however, are not excluded from the sample. Census will interview residents (occupied units) or other knowledgeable people such as a building manager, superintendent, or rental or real estate agent (vacant units) to gather information on vacancy rates, housing costs, and the income of residents. About ten percent of the sample will be reinterviewed for quality control purposes. Census will also determine primarily by observation whether a separate sample of units previously lost from the City's housing inventory have been reconverted for residential use.

The 2008 NYCHVS will be an up-to-date and comprehensive data source required by rent control laws as well as a source of data needed to evaluate the city's housing policies. Specifically, the city will look to the 2008 survey to provide accurate and reliable estimates of the rental and homeowner vacancy rates, to measure improvements in housing and neighborhood conditions, and to provide data on low-income, doubled-up, and crowded households at risk of becoming homeless. The city will use the results to develop programs and policies that aim to improve housing conditions.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Every three years.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 8b.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: The American Community Survey.

Form Number(s): ACS-1, ACS-1(SP), ACS-1PR, ACS-1PR(SP), ACS-1(GQ), ACS-1(PR)(GQ), GQFQ, ACS CATI (HU), ACS CAPI (HU), ACS Reinterview (HU), GQ Reinterview.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0810.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,994,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,220,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 37 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau has developed a methodology to collect and update every year demographic, social, economic, and housing data that are essentially the same as the "long-form" data that the Census Bureau traditionally has collected once a decade as part of the decennial census. Federal and state government agencies use such data to evaluate and manage federal programs and to distribute

funding for various programs that include food stamp benefits, transportation dollars, and housing grants. State, county, and community governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and the general public use information like housing quality, income distribution, journey-to-work patterns, immigration data, and regional age distributions for decision-making and program evaluation.

In years past, the Census Bureau collected the long-form data only once every ten years, which become out of date over the course of the decade. To provide more timely data, the Census Bureau developed an alternative called the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS blends the strength of small area estimation with the high quality of current surveys. There is an increasing need for current data describing lower geographic detail. The ACS is now the only source of data available for small-area levels across the Nation and in Puerto Rico. In addition, there is an increased interest in obtaining data for small subpopulations such as groups within the Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian populations, the elderly, and children. The ACS provides current data throughout the decade for small areas and small subpopulations.

In its reengineering efforts for Census 2010, the Census Bureau is working to achieve a simplified census based on addressing the needs of different population groups, creating an integrated system for data capture, processing, and tabulation, and conducting early testing and evaluation to achieve operational efficiencies. Decennial census data collection efforts will now be spread throughout the decade. The operations, and the systems and technologies that support them, will be revised and improved to support a continuous data collection program.

Currently, the Census Bureau is implementing an alternative census design. The design retains a short form to conduct a census count and collect a few basic characteristics and removes the long form from the decennial census, opting instead to replace the once-a-decade long-form survey with a continuous annual survey, the American Community Survey. Given the escalating complexity of collecting data, the separation of long-form data collection from the 2010 Census is critical. The American Community Survey achieves this goal.

The American Community Survey provides more timely information for critical economic planning by governments and the private sector. In the current information-based economy,

federal, state, tribal, and local decision-makers, as well as private business and nongovernmental organizations, need current, reliable, and comparable socioeconomic data to chart the future.

The ACS began providing up-to-date profiles in 2006 for areas and population groups of 65,000 or more people, providing policymakers, planners, and service providers in the public and private sectors with information every year—not just every ten years. The ACS program will provide estimates annually for all states and for all medium and large cities, counties, and metropolitan areas. For smaller areas and population groups, it will take three to five years to accumulate information to provide accurate estimates. After that period of time, the multiyear average estimates will be updated annually.

Using the Master Address File (MAF) from the decennial census that is updated each year, Census will select a sample of addresses, mail survey forms each month to a new group of potential households, and attempt to conduct interviews over the telephone with households that have not responded. Upon completion of the telephone follow-up, Census will select a subsample of the remaining households, which have not responded, typically at a rate of one in three, to designate a household for a personal interview. Census will also conduct interviews with a sample of residents at a sample of group quarters (GQ) facilities. Collecting these data from a new sample of HU and GQ facilities every month will not only provide more timely data but will lessen respondent burden in the decennial census.

We will release a yearly microdata file, similar to the Public Use Microdata Sample file of the Census 2000 long-form records. In addition, we will produce total population summary tabulations similar to the Census 2000 tabulations down to the block group level. The microdata files, tabulated files, and their associated documentation are available through the Internet.

For the 2008 ACS, we will use modified data collection materials based upon results of the 2006 ACS Content Test. The content of the 2008 American Community Survey questionnaire and data collection instruments for both residential and group quarters operations reflect 2006 tested changes to content, instructions, and forms design. These survey instruments will also include changes based on wording, format and instructions of the 2010 Census form for gender, age,

relationship, race, Hispanic origin, and tenure.

The 2006 ACS Content Test resulted in a Census Bureau recommendation to OMB to modify twelve (seven housing and five population) question series on the ACS. The modified housing questions are: Year Structure Built, Value of Property, Number of Rooms, Number of Bedrooms, Kitchen Facilities, Plumbing Facilities, and Telephone Service Availability, and Food Stamp Benefit. The modified population questions are: School Enrollment, Educational Attainment, Residence 1 Year Ago, Disability, and Labor Force Status.

Two ACS questions, veteran years of military service and seasonal residence, will no longer be included in the ACS. The Veterans Administration has determined that these data are no longer needed annually at small geographic areas. The seasonal residence question was included in the ACS for the Census Bureau to evaluate seasonality effects. We now have enough data and do not need to continue this data collection.

The Census Bureau proposes including three new subjects on the ACS: Health insurance coverage, marital history, and veteran's service-connected disability ratings.

Census is beginning the once-a-decade process of confirming the statutory basis of each question on the ACS. Census will be seeking documentation and confirmation from other Federal agencies to ensure that every ACS question is fully justified and that data are needed annually at small geographic areas. This documentation will be submitted to Congress by March 31, 2008, as required by statute, and to OMB and the public as well.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, Farms.

Frequency: Monthly. Respondents are required to provide a response only once.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141, 193, and 221.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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 of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Advocacy Comment Card.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 0625-0251.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden: 54 hours.

Number of Respondents: 650.

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The International Trade Administration's U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) is mandated by Congress to help U.S. businesses, particularly small- and medium-sized companies, export their products and services to global markets. As part of its mission, the USCS uses "Comment Cards" to collect feedback from the U.S. business clients it serves. The surveys request the client to evaluate the USCS on its customer service provision. The results from the surveys are used to make improvements to the agency's business processes in order to provide better and more effective export assistance to U.S. companies. The purpose of the survey is to collect feedback from U.S. businesses that receive advocacy services from the USCS. In providing these services, the USCS advocates on behalf of a U.S. company that is bidding on a project or government contract, attempting to recover payment or goods, or facing a barrier to market entry.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection 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 this publication to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, via the Internet David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov or Fax (202) 395-7285.

Dated: May 24, 2007.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Industrial Research and Development

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

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 July 30, 2007.

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 Julius Smith, Jr., Census Bureau, Room 7K145, Washington, DC 20233-6900, 301-763-4683 (or via the Internet at julius.smith.jr@census.gov) and Raymond M. Wolfe, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 965, Arlington, VA 22230, 703-292-7789 (or via the Internet at rwolfe@nsf.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to extend the current OMB clearance for

the Survey of Industrial Research and Development (R&D). The survey has been conducted annually since 1953. The information collection involves the estimation of the expenditures on research and development performed within the United States by industrial firms.

Industry accounts for over 70 percent of total U.S. R&D each year and since its inception, the survey has provided continuity of statistics on R&D expenditures by major industry groups and by source of funds. The survey is the industrial component of the National Science Foundation (NSF) statistical program that seeks " * * * to provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal government, as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950." Statistics from the survey will be released by the Census Bureau and published in NSF's annual publication series Research and Development in Industry. The proposed collection will continue the survey for three years.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data and will also offer an electronic version of the form via the Internet. Companies will be asked to respond within 30 days (RD-1A) or 60 days (RD-1) of initial mailing. This due date will be imprinted at the top of the form. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0912.

Form Number: RD-1 (long form); RD-1A (abbreviated form).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: RD-1, 3,600; and RD-1A, 28,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: RD-1—8 hours; RD-1A—1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 57,300.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,056,039.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

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