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Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Washington Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Washington State Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 3:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m., on February 20, 2004 at the Hotel Monaco, 1101 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. The purpose of the meeting is to plan follow-up to Commission site visit.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a Presentation to the Committee, should contact Thomas V. Pilla, Civil Rights Analyst of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD/213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 5, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 20, 2004, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Hotel Monaco, 1101 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

STATUS:

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2004 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. Program Planning

- VI. Presentations from Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington State Advisory Committee Chairpersons
- VII. Presentations from Individuals and Organizational Representatives on Civil Rights Issues Facing the Pacific Northwest
- VIII. Future Agenda Items

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Jin, Press and Communications (202) 376-7700.

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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: Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES).

Form Number(s): ACE-1(S), ACE-1(M), ACE-1(Long), and ACE-2.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0782.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 203,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 61,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 3 hours and 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: A major concern of economic policymakers is the adequacy of investment in plant and equipment. Data on the amount of business expenditures for new plant and equipment and measures of the stock of existing facilities are critical to evaluate productivity growth, the ability of U.S. business to compete with foreign business, changes in industrial capacity, and measures of overall economic performance. The ACES is the current source of comprehensive statistics on business investment in buildings and other structures, machinery, and equipment for private nonfarm businesses in the United States.

Major revisions from the previously approved collection are the collection of detailed types of structures and types of equipment data from employer businesses.

The plan for the continued survey is a basic annual survey that collects fixed assets and depreciation, sales and receipts, and total capital expenditures for new and used structures and

equipment separately, from employer enterprises. This collection is intended to represent the capital expenditure activity of all employer firms and provide comprehensive control estimates of total capital expenditures for structures and equipment by industry.

All ACE-1 forms request sales and receipts information to calculate industry investment to sales ratios and to assist in verifying that consolidated company data are being reported. Assets and depreciation information collected assists in measuring changes in the Nation's capital stock estimates. As part of the basic survey, we also collect data annually from a small sample of nonemployer enterprises. Using Form ACE-2, the survey will request that nonemployer companies report current year capital expenditures data. This collection is intended to better represent total capital expenditures activity of all firms.

In conjunction with the basic survey is a supplemental survey conducted every five years beginning with the 1998 survey. The supplement will collect detailed information on expenditures by type of structure, and by type of equipment. This supplement is included with the basic survey only for employer companies. We collect detailed types of structures and equipment data in the same year due to reporting inconsistencies when attempting to collect the detailed data in separate years. The detailed structures data will provide a 5-year benchmark for estimates of value of new construction put in place. The detailed equipment will provide a periodic measure of expenditure by type of equipment and potentially serve as a benchmark for equipment produced and consumed as represented in the Bureau of Economic Analysis' (BEA) Input/Output accounts.

The ACES is an integral part of the Federal Government statistical program to improve and supplement ongoing statistical programs. Federal Government agencies, including the Census Bureau, use the data to improve and supplement ongoing statistical programs.

The Census Bureau uses the data to improve the quality of monthly economic indicators of investment. Specifically, the annual survey data and the supplement on types of structures will become a benchmark for monthly estimates of value of new construction put in place. The Value of New Construction Put in Place survey currently uses the ACES data to