

interviews, as determined by response likelihood and cost models.

The Census Bureau will use existing staff and office infrastructure for this pre-test. Where necessary, the Census Bureau will modify existing systems and field procedures.

The Census Bureau will use the 2013 Census Test to test operational procedures that might increase NRFU efficiency. Secondary goals of the research include gaining an initial measurement of the cost savings associated with using administrative records and an adaptive design contact strategy to enumerate simulated non-responding housing units and measuring the quality of data produced by these approaches.

The primary goal of the test will be to assess whether the Census Bureau can implement a simulated NRFU data collection using adaptive design and administrative records during production. Secondary goals will measure the cost and data quality between two sets of groups. One analysis will compare operational efficiency, cost, and data quality between treatments that use and that do not use administrative records to reduce the NRFU workload. Another analysis will compare operational efficiency, cost, and data quality between treatments that use an adaptive design contact strategy versus a fixed contact strategy. The Census Bureau will also examine the interaction of adaptive design and the use of administrative records on operational efficiency, cost, and data quality.

The 2013 Census Test will inform future 2020 Census NRFU tests, which includes a test of administrative records and self-response and NRFU contact strategies in 2014. Data will not be released as Census Bureau data products or be used for official estimates. Rather, results will aid in determining how to test the use of administrative records and an adaptive contact strategy in future, larger tests. Results will also inform the infrastructure required to support using administrative records and a centralized CATI system to enumerate a NRFU population, as well as an operational control system (OCS) that enables real-time case prioritization and mode switching.

The Census Bureau plans to make the aggregated results of this study available to the public. Information quality is an integral part of the pre-dissemination review of the information disseminated by the Census Bureau (fully described in the Census Bureau's Information Quality Guidelines). Information quality is also integral to the information collections conducted by the Census

Bureau and is incorporated into the clearance process required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Data from the test will be included in reports with clear statements about the test's methodology and limitations. Reports will state that the data were produced for decision-making and exploratory research, not for official estimates. Research results may be prepared for presentations at professional meetings or in publications in professional journals to promote discussion within the larger survey and statistical community and to encourage further research and refinement. All presentations or publications will provide clear descriptions of the test's methodology and its limitations.

The Census Bureau published a notice in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 2012 (Vol. 77, No. 173, pp. 54887–54889) announcing its intention to conduct a test of alternative contact strategies in a census environment. The 2013 Census Test is being submitted as a component of and a precursor to that larger test to be conducted in 2014 (the 2014 Census Test). In the notice, we requested 36,167 burden hours. The 2013 Census Test will use 334 of that total. The 2014 Census Test will use the remainder of this amount.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One Time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@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 email (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: July 9, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Privacy Act New System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; COMMERCE/DEPT–23, Information Collected Electronically in Connection with Department of Commerce Activities, Events, and Programs.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) publishes this notice to announce the effective date of a Privacy Act system of records entitled COMMERCE/DEPT–23, Information Collected Electronically in Connection with Department of Commerce Activities, Events, and Programs.

DATES: The system of records becomes effective on July 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: For a copy of the system of records please mail requests to Brenda Dolan, U.S. Department of Commerce, Suite A300, Room A326, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, 202–482–3258.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Dolan, U.S. Department of Commerce, Suite A300, Room A326, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230, 202–482–3258.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 5, 2013, Commerce published and requested comments on a proposed Privacy Act system of records entitled COMMERCE/DEPT–23, Information Collected Electronically in Connection with Department of Commerce Activities, Events, and Programs. No comments were received in response to the request for comments.

By this notice, the Department is adopting the proposed system as final without changes effective July 15, 2013.

Dated: July 9, 2013.

Brenda Dolan,

U.S. Department of Commerce, Departmental Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Officer.

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