

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: 2006 Census Test, Group Quarters Validation/Advance Visit Operation.

Form Number(s): DD-351, DD-31, DD-352.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 198 hours.

Number of Respondents: 720.

Avg Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the 2006 Census Test Group Quarters Validation/Advance Visit (GQV/AV) operation. The 2006 GQV/AV is one of two iterative tests planned to improve the enumeration of the group quarters population in the 2010 Census.

The Census Bureau must provide everyone in the United States—including persons who do not live in housing units—the opportunity to be counted. In Census 2000, we implemented a set of procedures designed to enumerate persons who live or stay in GQs, such as nursing homes, college residence halls, jails, and shelters for persons experiencing homelessness. In order to count these persons, we first developed a list of GQs using the Special Place Facility Questionnaire operation. This operation was designed to identify, verify, classify, and obtain pertinent enumeration information about every GQ prior to the enumeration of persons living in group quarters.

As a result of lessons learned from Census 2000, the Census Bureau implemented the Group Quarters Validation (GQV) operation in 2004 to develop methodologies that would improve the enumeration of the GQ population in the 2010 Census. In addition to developing a new questionnaire and revising definitions for some GQ types, the 2004 GQV operation evaluated new GQ address listing procedures. For the first time, the GQ address list was integrated with the housing unit address list, and the development of the GQ inventory was managed at the GQ level. This new operation replaced the Census 2000 Special Place Facility Questionnaire

operation. The 2004 GQV operation was planned to develop new procedures that would verify and update the existing Census 2000 GQ inventory, as well as properly classify places with housing units that were potentially difficult to classify or that required special procedures (e.g., hotels/motels and assisted living facilities).

As part of ongoing planning for the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau now plans to conduct the 2006 Census Test GQV/AV operation. This operation is designed to incorporate lessons learned from the 2004 GQV operation and Census 2000 with the focus group research that we conducted on GQ definitions. The goal of the 2006 GQV/AV operation is to evaluate revised procedures and definitions designed to improve the classification and geocoding of GQs. The planned dates for the 2006 GQV/AV operation are December 5, 2005 through January 13, 2006.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: One Time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

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 Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or email (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: July 28, 2005.

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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 of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Export Trading Companies Contact Facilitation Service.

Agency Form Number: ITA 4094P.

OMB Number: 0625-0120.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 3,625 hours.

Number of Respondents: 14,500.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Many U.S. firms do not export because of a fear of the risks involved in exporting, lack of knowledge about the international marketplace, and insufficient resources. These firms need a venue to find one another and share the risks and costs of exporting, and they need the assistance of companies that specialize in providing export trade facilitation services. The Export Trading Company Act of 1982 directs the U.S. Department of Commerce to (a) encourage the formation of export associations and export service firms, and (b) provide an exporter referral service that will facilitate contact between producers and export service firms. Commerce fulfills its mandate through the Contact Facilitation Service (CFS). The CFS provides a platform for producers to (a) find one another and form export alliances, to achieve economies of scale, and (b) locate export service firms and attract foreign importers.

The CFS registration form is currently available on-line via the Internet at <http://www.myexports.com> and in hard copy. MyExports®, a U.S. Department of Commerce public-private partnership, produces two directories that draw upon CFS data collection: (a) "The Export Yellow Pages®;" (also known as the "U.S. Exporters' Yellow Pages®"), a directory of U.S. producers of goods and services, and (b) the "U.S. Trade Assistance Directory," a directory of export trade facilitation firms. These directories are accessible via the Internet at <http://www.myexports.com> and in print by international traders located worldwide.

Without the subject information collection, the Contact Facilitation Service provided through the MyExports' public-private partnership would be unreliable and ineffective, because users of this kind of information need current and consistent information about the listed companies.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal Governments.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.