

interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email ebohor@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Ivy Davis at idavis@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-312-353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Delaware Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at ebohor@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Project Planning, Report Discussion, and Potential Report Vote
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Discuss Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

Exceptional Circumstance: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstances of staffing limitations during the holiday season.

Dated: January 9, 2024.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket Number: 231218-0307]

RIN 0607-XC073

Draft Plan for Providing Public Access to the Results of Federally Funded Research

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Census Bureau seeks comments on the Draft U.S. Census Bureau Plan for Providing Public Access to Results of Federally Funded Research. The Census Bureau is taking steps to make its scientific data and publications more readily available and accessible by the public, as directed in an August 2022 Memorandum from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). The Census Bureau's Public Access Plan applies to the results of research funded wholly or in part by the Census Bureau, presented in peer-reviewed scholarly publications including book chapters and peer-reviewed conference proceedings as appropriate, and scientific data as defined in the OSTP Memo. The document outlines the Census Bureau's plan for implementing new requirements to manage the public access of scientific data and publications. Public comments received on the Public Access Plan will inform Census Bureau as it develops policies and procedures to implement the Plan.

DATES: Responses must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 12, 2024 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic submission:** Submit electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal.
 1. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter Docket Number USBC-2023-0015 in the search field.
 2. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields.
 3. Enter or attach your comments.
- **By email:** Comments in electronic form may also be sent to pco.policy.office@census.gov in any of the following formats: HTML, ASCII, Word, RTF, or PDF.

Please submit comments only and include your name, organization's name (if any), and cite "Census Bureau Public Access Plan" in all correspondence. Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical

data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials.

All comments responding to this document will be a matter of public record. Relevant comments will generally be available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.Regulations.gov>.

The Census Bureau will not accept comments accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. Therefore, do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive, protected, or personal information, such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice contact: Mike Castro, email address michael.castro@census.gov, (301) 763-6280. Please direct media inquiries to the Census Bureau's Public Information office at 301-763-3030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) mission is to serve as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy. This can be accomplished in part through equitable delivery of federally funded research results and data.

The Census Bureau publishes this notice to seek comments on the *Draft U.S. Census Bureau Plan for Providing Public Access to Results of Federally Funded Research*, posted at www.census.gov/open. The Census Bureau developed this Public Access Plan in response to a public access memorandum, *Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research* issued by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) on August 25, 2022 which expanded on the February 22, 2013, memorandum *Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research* and brought the Census Bureau's research activities in scope.

The *Draft U.S. Census Bureau Plan for Providing Public Access to Results of Federally Funded Research* applies to the results of research funded wholly or in part by the Census Bureau, presented in peer-reviewed scholarly publications including book chapters and peer-reviewed conference proceedings as appropriate, and "scientific data" as defined in the OSTP memorandum. This Public Access Plan, promotes the following objectives:

- Fulfill the requirement in the Office of Science and Technology Policy

(OSTP's) August 25, 2022, memorandum subject "Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research" to develop a Public Access Plan.

- Reaffirm the Census Bureau's commitments to
- promote open science including reproducibility and trust in federal statistics;
- be transparent with respondents about how their data is used; and
- protect respondent privacy and confidentiality.
- Ensure effective access to and reliable preservation of Census Bureau peer-reviewed scholarly publications and digital scientific data for use in research, development, education, and scientific discovery by depositing them in appropriate repositories, including data repositories that align with the OSTP's guidance on "Desirable Characteristics of Data Repositories for Federally Funded Research."

The Census Bureau Public Access Plan was reviewed by the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Office of Management and Budget, and those comments have been addressed in the plan being posted for comment.

The Census Bureau invites respondents to comment on the plan including, but not limited to, the following questions that pertain to the implementation its new public access plan:

- What are the best practices (from academia, industry, and other stakeholder communities) in managing public access of data and research results?
- What are the biggest challenges to implementing a public access policy, and how can these challenges be addressed?
- How can the Census Bureau ensure equity in publication opportunities?
- How can the Census Bureau ensure public access and accessibility to outputs of Census Bureau-funded research?
- How can the Census Bureau monitor impacts on affected communities—authors and readers alike?
- How can the Census Bureau improve the plan to provide greater public access to Census Bureau-funded research results?

Comments relating to the text of the *Draft U.S. Census Bureau Plan for Providing Public Access to Results of Federally Funded Research* should reference the document by page and line number. All comments must be received in accordance with the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of the notice above.

Robert L. Santos, Director, Census Bureau, approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 4, 2024.

Shannon Wink,

Program Analyst, Policy Coordination Office, U.S. Census Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Import, End-User, Delivery Verification Certificates and Firearms Entry Clearance Requirements

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 September 19, 2023, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

Title: Import, End-User, Delivery Verification Certificates and Firearms Entry Clearance Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0093.

Form Number(s): BIS-645P, BIS 647-P.

Type of Request: Extension of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 11,776.

Average Hours per Response: 1 to 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 1,630.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information addresses three activities: (1) Import Certificates/End Use Certificates, (2) Delivery Verification, and (3) Firearms Entry Clearance Requirements.

Import Certificates or End-User Certificates (IC/EUC)—The IC/EUC, BIS-645P, is obtained by the foreign importer and transmitted to the U.S. exporter. They are issued by the government of the country of ultimate destination to exercise legal control over

the disposition of the items covered by the IC/EUC. The control exercised by the government issuing the IC/EUC is in addition to the conditions and restrictions placed on the transaction by BIS.

Delivery Verification—The Delivery Verification Certificate (DV) is required by BIS as part of its export control program. The license holder is responsible for having the ultimate consignee complete the BIS-647P, Delivery Verification Certificate Form when the goods are delivered. BIS uses the DV procedure on an "as needed" basis. The DV is usually required when there is suspicion of violation of the EAR. Therefore, if the exporter cannot supply the DV, BIS must be notified to determine if an exception is legitimate. Otherwise, the exporter would be in violation of the EAR.

Firearms Entry Clearance Requirements—This entry clearance requirement is necessary due to the changes by the President in determining that certain items no longer warrant control under United States Munitions List (USML) Category I—Firearms, Close Assault Weapons and Combat Shotguns; Category II—Guns and Armament; and Category III—Ammunition/Ordnance would be controlled under the Commerce Control List (CCL). As the State Department previously collected this same type of information, the Department of Commerce controls the CCL and must now take over this collection of information.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: §§ 748.9, 748.10, 748.12, 748.14, Part 748 Supplement No. 5, 758.10, 762.5(d), 762.6, 764.2(g)(2), and of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and