

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Precanvass Operation for the 2007 Economic Census Covering Transportation of Commodities

ACTION: Proposed 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 November 7, 2005.

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 John Fowler, Census Bureau, Room G-023-Building 3, Washington, DC 20233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a Precanvass Operation in preparation for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the sample frame. The Commodity Flow Survey itself will be the subject of a later notice planned for publication in early 2006.

The Commodity Flow Survey, a component of the Economic Census, is the only comprehensive source of multi-modal, system-wide data on the volume and pattern of goods movement in the United States. The Commodity Flow Survey is conducted in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation.

In conducting the Precanvass, the Census Bureau will mail a one-page questionnaire to selected manufacturing, mining, and wholesale establishments, and to enterprise support establishments in its Business Register. The precavass will determine if these establishments are engaged in shipping activities, and if so obtain an estimate of the annual value of those shipments, along with contact information for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey. Those establishments that do not ship will be eliminated from the sample frame. This will significantly improve the sample for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey. Also, those establishments excluded from the sample frame will be saved the added burden of reporting in the Commodity Flow Survey.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will mail the Precanvass Questionnaire to (a) enterprise support establishments in the Census Bureau's Business Register, and (b) the largest establishments in the industries listed above that are likely to be included in the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey. The estimated size of the Precanvass mailing is 75,000 establishments.

The Census Bureau will use a mail-out, mail-back methodology, with telephone follow-up for selected non-response cases. General information on shipping activity and value of shipments will be collected via check box style questions. Contact information also will be collected and used to improve the mailing and follow-up activities for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not Available.

Form Number: CFS-0001.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$200,000.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C. 131.

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 whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet September 13, 2005, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman