

Service (RUS) announces its intention to request a revision of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 7, 2024, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions," enter the following docket number: (RHS-24-WATER-0006), and click "Search." To submit public comments, select the "Comment" button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). Insert your comments under the "Comment" title, click "Browse" to attach files (if applicable). Input your email address and select an identity category then click "Submit Comment." Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MaryPat Daskal, Chief, Branch 1, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-7853. Email [MaryPat.Daskal@usda.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Daskal@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RHS is submitting to OMB for revision.

**Title:** Grant Program to Establish a Revolving Fund Program (RFP) to Finance Water and Wastewater Projects, 7 CFR 1783.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0138.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** July 31, 2024.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved information collection.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7.30 hour per response.

**Respondents:** Individuals, partnerships, public and private non-

profit corporations, agencies, institutions, organizations, and Indian tribes.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 4.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 51.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 12.75.

**Estimated Annual Reporting Burden on Respondents:** 372.50 hours.

**Abstract:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. One of the ways the Agency pursues this goal is to provide financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need. The Revolving Fund Program (RFP) helps qualified non-profits create a revolving loan fund that can provide financing for the extension and improvement of water and waste disposal systems in rural areas. Entities eligible for the revolving loan fund will be the same entities eligible to obtain a loan, loan guarantee, or grant from RUS Water and Waste Disposal and Wastewater loan and grant programs. As grant recipients, the non-profit organizations establish a revolving loan fund to provide loans to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems. The collection of information consists of the materials to file a grant application with the agency, including forms, certifications and required documentation.

**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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimble Brown, Rural Development Innovation Center,

USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-6780. Email [kimble.brown@usda.gov](mailto:kimble.brown@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Andrew Berke,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Collection of State/Local Administrative Records and Third-Party Data

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed new information collection, prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to [Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov](mailto:Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov). Please reference 'Collection of State Administrative Records and Third-Party Data' in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2024-0005, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally

Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Jenny Aramony, Chief of the Data Acquisition Branch in the Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division, email at [adm.pra@census.gov](mailto:adm.pra@census.gov) and phone number (301) 763-8715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request a new clearance for acquiring administrative records including State, local, and third-party data to improve efficiency and accuracy in their data collections, and to improve measures of the population and economy.

The Census Bureau uses State and local administrative records data linked with other survey and census records, including but not limited to, data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the American Community Survey (ACS) to conduct research and improve operations. The Census Bureau encourages the District of Columbia, all 50 States, and local municipalities to share administrative records data generally associated with, but not limited to: nutrition and food assistance programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); and welfare programs, including child care subsidy; household self-sufficiency programs, including low income energy assistance programs and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Data sharing and analysis of linked files are solely for statistical purposes, not for program enforcement. All State and local administrative records data are and will remain confidential under title 13, United States Code, section 9, whether in their original form or when comingled or linked.

The Census Bureau will use data from businesses for research, censuses, and surveys operations. This data will be collected from businesses through agreements or contracts. Third-party targeted entities for this acquisition will

include cross sector industries such as manufacturing, information services, healthcare, supply chain, and retail.

The Census Bureau uses these records to improve data quality, produce modelbased estimates, improve edits and allocations, and to study program participation over time. The data is to support all the Census Bureau survey and decennial operations as well as social economic research through record linkage. The Census Bureau has undertaken research projects to integrate and link State, local, and third-party administrative records with Census Bureau data from current surveys and censuses.

The Census Bureau uses the State and local administrative records and third-party data linked with other survey and census records to conduct further research and improve operations in surveys and censuses, including 2030 Census Operations. The Census Bureau benefits from these projects by improving data quality and estimates, as well as studies of program participation over time. State and local municipalities data and third-party providers have benefited through access to tabulated data and reports to better understand the demographic characteristics of program participants and to administer their programs.

**II. Method of Collection**

The Census Bureau will contact the State agencies and third-party providers to discuss how the Census Bureau might use State administrative records and third-party data. After entering into a data sharing agreement with the Census Bureau, a State agency, local municipality, or third-party provider would transfer the agreed-upon administrative records to the Census Bureau via secure File Transfer Protocol or encrypted CD-ROM or DVD-ROM.

Linking records across programs, across States, local municipalities, and third-parties, or over time will be accomplished using a unique linkage identifier called a Protected Identification Key (PIK). Processing to assign a PIK to each person record involves matching based on combinations of name, address, sex, date of birth, and Social Security Number (SSN) data, as available. The person validation and PIK processing has been used by other Census Bureau research and operations projects. Only Census Bureau staff conducting the record linkage have access to files with Personally Identifiable Information, and access to those files assigned a PIK is limited to individuals with a need to know who have met the requirements of

Title 13, United States Code, and have appropriate security clearances.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* Information will be collected in the form of a data transfer to the Census Bureau. No form will be used.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, new information collection request.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or Tribal government, and third-party providers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80 including 19 third-party providers, 10 local municipalities, 50 States and the District of Columbia.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 75 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. 6.

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Quarterly Summary of State & Local Government Tax Revenues**

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 December 8, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Quarterly Summary of State & Local Government Tax Revenues.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0112.

*Form Number(s):* F-71, F-72, F-73.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 7,411.

*Average Hours per Response:* 16.36 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 8,082.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau conducts the Quarterly Summary of State & Local Government Tax Revenues (QTax Survey) to provide quarterly estimates of State and local government tax revenue at a national level, as well as detailed tax revenue data for individual States. The Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the current clearance for this survey without changes to the forms. Quarterly measurement of, and reporting on, these fund flows provides valuable insight into trends in the national economy and that of individual States. Information

collected on the type and quantity of taxes collected gives comparative data on how the various levels of government fund their public sector obligations. There are three components to the QTax Survey; the first component is the Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections (F-71), which collects property tax data from local governments, the second component is the Quarterly Survey of State Tax Collections (F-72), which collects data on 28 different tax categories for all 50 States, and the third component is the Quarterly Survey of Selected Non-Property Taxes (F-73), which collects local tax revenue data for three taxes: sales and gross receipts, individual income, and corporation net income taxes.

The information contained in this survey is the most current information available on a nationwide basis for State and local government tax collections. Data are collected for fifty State governments and the District of Columbia and a sample of the local governments (approximately 7,411).

The Census Bureau's previous request for an extension submitted on 03/23/2021 requested approval to remove the collection of all license taxes from the F-72 component of the Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue. The Census Bureau reconsidered that plan and decided not to remove the collection of all license taxes from the F-72 component of the survey. Keeping the license taxes on the survey allows for a consistent time series and maintains item comparability with other surveys.

The Census Bureau conducts the three components of the QTax Survey to collect State and local government tax data for this data series established in 1962. It serves as a timely source of tax data for many data users and policy makers and is the most current information available on a nationwide basis for government tax collections. Tax collection data are used to measure economic activity nationwide, as well as for comparison among the States. These data are also used in comparing the variety of taxes employed by individual States and in determining the revenue raising capacity of different types of taxes in different States.

Key users of these data include the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the Federal Reserve Board (FRB), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who rely on these data to provide they provide insight into and the most current information on the complex nature and fiscal health of State and local government finances. These data are included in the quarterly

estimates of the National Income and Product Accounts developed by BEA. HUD has used the property tax data as one of nine cost indicators for developing Section 8 rent adjustments. These data are widely used by Federal, State, and local legislators, policy makers, analysts, economists, and researchers to follow the changing characteristics and monitor trends in public sector revenues. These data are also widely used by the media and academia.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., sections 161 and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://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](http://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 entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607-0112.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Business and Professional Classification Report**

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites 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. The purpose of this