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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: Quarterly Survey of State & Local Tax Revenue.

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

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0112.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 5,957 hours.

Number of Respondents: 5,906.

Avg Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date of the Quarterly Survey of State & Local Tax Revenue. These tax collections, amounting to nearly \$700 billion annually, constitute almost one-half of all governmental revenues. Quarterly measurement of and reporting on these massive 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. These data are included in the quarterly estimates developed by the Bureau of Economic Analysis and are widely used by state revenue and tax officials, academicians, media representatives, and others.

The Census Bureau uses three forms to collect state and local government tax data for this long established data series. The Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections (form F-71) is sent to 5,800 local government tax collecting agencies in 530 county areas. While some counties are served by a single county

level tax-collecting agency, others have county, city, township, and even school district collectors. Each agency is asked to report the total property tax collections during the past quarter (regardless of which governments ultimately receive the monies).

Form F-72, State Tax Collections-Quarterly Survey, is sent to a state level revenue, finance, or budget agency in each state to report tax collection data for the preceding 3-month period.

The Quarterly Survey-Selected Local Taxes (form F-73) goes to 55 local tax collecting agencies known to have substantial collections of local general sales and/or local individual income taxes.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal government.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before September 6, 2000, to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 1, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Report of Privately-Owned Residential Building or Zoning Permits Issued (Building Permits Survey)

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 October 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to G. Daniel Sansbury, Census Bureau, Room 2105, FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 457-1321 (or via the Internet at g.daniel.sansbury@ccmail.census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three year extension of the currently approved Form C-404, Building Permits Survey. The Census Bureau produces statistics used to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. Given the importance of this industry, several of the statistical series are key economic indicators. Two such series are: (a) Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits; and (b) Housing Starts. Both are based on data from samples of permit-issuing places. These statistics help state and local governments and the Federal Government, as well as private industry, to analyze this important sector of the economy.

The Census Bureau uses Form C-404 to collect data to provide estimates of the number and valuation of new residential housing units authorized by building permits. We use the data, a component of the index of leading economic indicators, to estimate the number of housing units started, completed, and sold, if single-family, and to select samples for the Census Bureau's demographic surveys. Policymakers, planners, businessmen/women, and others use the detailed