

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Joseph R. DeVecchio, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 441 S. Salina Street, Fifth Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, New York 13202-2450.

A copy of this standard is available from the above individual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State Technical Guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made to the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and final determination of change will be made.

Dated: November 19, 2002.

Tyrone M. Goddard,

State Soil Scientist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Syracuse, NY.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Housing Service****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of Housing Application Packaging Grants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 3, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria L. Denson, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0783, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone 202-720-1474. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Housing Application Packaging Grants.

OMB Number: 0575-0157.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) under section 509 of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1479, provides grants to public and private nonprofit organizations and state and local governments to package housing applications for loans under sections 502, 504, 514, 515, and 524 grants under section 533 of the Housing Act of 1949 in colonias and designated undeserved counties. RHS reimburses eligible organizations for part or all of the costs of conducting, administering and coordinating an effective housing application packaging program in colonias and designated underserved counties. Eligible organizations assist very low and low-income families that are without adequate housing to buy, build, or repair housing for their own use. Also, the organizations package applications for loans to buy, build or repair rental units for lower income families.

RHS will be collecting information from grantees to assure the organizations participating in this program are eligible entities and have participated in RHS training in application packaging. The respondents are nonprofit organizations, States, State agencies, and units of general local government. The information required for approval of housing application packaging grants is used by RHS personnel to verify program eligibility requirements. The information is collected at the RHS field office responsible for the processing of the application being submitted. The information is also used to ensure the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. If not collected, RHS would be unable to determine if a grantee would qualify for grant assistance.

The grantees facilitate the application process by helping applicants submit complete applications to RHS. This saves RHS time by prescreening applicants, making preliminary determinations of eligibility, ensuring that the application is complete, and helping the applicant understand the program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.12 hours per response.

Respondents: Private and public nonprofit organizations and State and local governments.

Estimate Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 900 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0040.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimates 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742, Washington, DC 20250. 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.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of the Census**

[Docket Number 021121280-2280-01]

Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the 2002 Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area. The 2002 Annual Surveys consist of the Current Industrial Reports surveys, the Survey of Industrial Research and Development, and the Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization. We have determined that annual data collected from these surveys are needed to aid the efficient performance of

essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William G. Bostic, Jr., Chief, Manufacturing and Construction Division, on (301) 763-4593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct mandatory surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), sections 61, 81, 131, 182, 193, 224, and 225. For 2002, the economic census year, the surveys will, as they have in the past, operate as separate collections of national statistical data on manufacturing. The data collected in these surveys will be similar to that collected in the past and within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. In this, the economic census year, all the data collected in these surveys are mandatory under Title 13, U.S.C. In the interim years, most of these surveys are conducted under a mandatory basis as well.

Current Industrial Reports

Most of the following commodity or product surveys provide data on shipments or production, stocks, unfilled orders, orders booked, consumption, and so forth. Reports will be required of all or a sample of establishments engaged in the production of the items covered by the following list of surveys.

Survey Title

MA311D	Confectionery
MA313F	Yarn Production
MA313K	Knit Fabric Production
MA314Q	Carpets and Rugs
MA315D	Gloves and Mittens
MA316A	Footwear Production
MA321T	Lumber Production and Mill Stocks
MA325F	Paint and Allied Products
MA325G	Pharmaceutical Preparations, except Biologicals
MA327C	Refractories
MA327E	Consumer, Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Glassware
MA331A	Iron and Steel Castings
MA331B	Steel Mill Products
MA331E	Nonferrous Castings
MA332Q	Antifriction Bearings
MA333A	Farm Machinery and Lawn and Garden Equipment
MA333D	Construction Machinery
MA333F	Mining Machinery and Mineral Processing Equipment

MA333L	Internal Combustion Engines
MA333M	Refrigeration, Air-conditioning, and Warm Air Equipment
MA333N	Fluid Power Products
MA333P	Pumps and Compressors
MA334B	Selected Instruments and Related Products
MA334M	Consumer Electronics
MA334P	Communication Equipment
MA334Q	Semiconductors, Printed Circuit Boards, and Electronic Components
MA334R	Computers and Office and Accounting Machines
MA334S	Electromedical and Irradiation Equipment
MA335A	Switchgear, Switchboard Apparatus, Relays, and Industrial Controls
MA335E	Electric Housewares and Fans
MA335F	Major Household Appliances
MA335H	Motors and Generators
MA335J	Insulated Wire and Cable
MA335K	Wiring Devices and Supplies

The following list of surveys represent annual counterparts of monthly and quarterly surveys and will cover only those establishments that are not canvassed, or do not report, in the more frequent surveys. Accordingly, there will be no duplication in reporting. The content of these annual reports will be identical with that of the monthly and quarterly reports.

Survey Title

M311H	Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils (Stocks)
M311J	Oilseeds, Beans, and Nuts (Primary Producers)
M311L	Fats and Oils (Renderers)
M311M	Animal and Vegetables Fats and Oils (Consumption and Stocks)
M311N	Animal and Vegetables Fats and Oils (Production, Consumption, and Stock)
M313P	Consumption on the Cotton System
M313N	Cotton and Raw Linters in Public Storage
M327G	Glass Containers
M331J	Inventories of Steel Producing Mills
M336G	Civil Aircraft and Aircraft Engines
MQ311A	Flour Milling Products
MQ313D	Consumption on the Woolen System and Worsted Combining
MQ313T	Broadwoven Fabrics (Gray)
MQ314X	Bed and Bath Furnishings
MQ315A	Apparel
MQ325A	Inorganic Chemicals
MQ325B	Fertilizer Materials
MQ325C	Industrial Gases
MQ327D	Clay Construction Products
MQ333W	Metalworking Machinery
MQ335C	Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts

Survey of Industrial Research and Development

The Survey of Industrial Research and Development measures spending on research and development activities in private U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles this information with funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The NSF publishes the results in its publication series.

Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

The Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization is designed to measure the use of industrial capacity. The survey collects information on actual output and estimates of potential output in terms of value of production. These data are the basis for calculating rates of utilization of full production capability and use of production capability under national emergency conditions.

Based upon the foregoing, the Census Bureau will be conducting the Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area for the purpose of collecting these data.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C. chapter 45, the OMB approved the 2002 Annual Surveys under the following OMB Control Numbers: Current Industrial Reports—0607-0206, 0607-0392, 0607-0393, 0607-0395, and 0607-0476; Survey of Industrial Research and Development—3145-0027; and Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization—0607-0175. We will provide copies of each form upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0001.

Dated: November 26, 2002.

Charles Louis Kincannon,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

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Service Annual Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.