

*Form Number(s):* NA.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (request for approval of a new information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 90.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 45.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for approval of a new information collection. The National Weather Service plans to conduct a survey to engage with and assess the science and forecasting needs of stakeholders in the water resources sector. The water resources sector includes agencies and companies operating reservoirs, and private and public interests in regulating rivers. The survey is designed to (1) assess the accessibility and utility of water and climate information and data, (2) assess participants' perceptions and knowledge about water and climate, and (3) evaluate user needs and the gaps in existing water and climate information. Participation in the survey will be entirely voluntary and will usually be in conjunction with workshops related to water resources and/or climate.

*Affected Public:* State, local and Tribal government; individuals or households; not-for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:*

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Dated: March 2, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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:* Survey of Construction—Questionnaire for Building Permit Official.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0125.

*Form Number(s):* SOC-QBPO.

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

*Burden Hours:* 225.

*Number of Respondents:* 900.

*Average Hours per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collected on the SOC-QBPO is necessary to carry out the sampling for the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions (OMB number 0607-0110), also known as the Survey of Construction (SOC). Government agencies and private companies use statistics from SOC to monitor and evaluate the large and dynamic housing construction industry.

The SOC-QBPO is an electronic questionnaire. Census Bureau field representatives (FRs) use Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) to collect the data. The FRs use the SOC-QBPO to obtain information on the operating procedures of a permit office. This enables them to locate, classify, list, and sample building permits for residential construction. These permits are used as the basis for the sample selected for SOC. The Census Bureau also uses the information to verify and update the geographic coverage of permit offices.

Failure to collect this information would make it difficult, if not impossible, to classify accurately and sample building permits for the SOC. The SOC produces data for two principal economic indicators: New Residential Construction (housing starts and housing completions) and New Residential Sales. Information from the SOC is also used in the estimation of the value of new residential construction put in place for the Census Bureau's data on construction spending.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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

Section 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([bharrisk@omb.eop.gov](mailto:bharrisk@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: March 3, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of an Opportunity To Serve on the Innovation Advisory Board Advising the Department of Commerce in the Development of a Study on the Economic Competitiveness and Innovative Capacity of the United States

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is inviting expressions of interest to service on the Innovation Advisory Board from individuals with interest in advising the Department of Commerce as it develops a study on the economic competitiveness and innovative capacity of the United States. The Department is particularly interested in businesses leaders, economic or innovation policy experts, and State and local government officials active in technology-based economic development.

**DATES:** All information must be received by the Office of the Secretary at the e-mail or postal address below by close of business (EDT) on March 22, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit relevant information via e-mail to [InnovationAB@doc.gov](mailto:InnovationAB@doc.gov) or by mail to John Connor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5835, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (COMPETES) was signed into law on January 4, 2011. Section 604 of that Act requires that the Secretary of Commerce complete a comprehensive study of the economic competitiveness and