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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### U.S. Census Bureau

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Population Survey (CPS) Basic Demographic Items**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2008.

**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](mailto: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 Dennis E. Clark, U.S. Census Bureau, 7H0003J, Washington, DC 20233-8400 at (301) 763-5488 (or via the Internet at [Dennis.E.Clark@census.gov](mailto:Dennis.E.Clark@census.gov)).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of basic demographic

information on the Current Population Survey (CPS) beginning in July 2008. The current clearance expires June 30, 2008.

The CPS has been the source of official government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Census Bureau jointly sponsor the basic monthly survey. The Census Bureau also prepares and conducts all the field work. At OMB's request, the Census Bureau and the BLS divide the clearance request in order to reflect the joint sponsorship and funding of the CPS program. The justification that follows is in support of the demographic data.

The demographic information collected in the CPS provides a unique set of data on selected characteristics for the civilian noninstitutional population. Some of the demographic information collected are age, marital status, gender, Armed Forces status, education, race, origin, and family income. These data are used in conjunction with other data, particularly the monthly labor force data, as well as periodic supplement data. The data is also used independently for internal analytic research and for evaluation of other surveys. And, in addition, as a control to produce accurate estimates of other personal characteristics.

##### **II. Method of Collection**

The CPS basic demographic information is collected from individual households by both personal visits and telephone interviews each month. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

##### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0049.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 57,000 per month.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.58 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,012.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, U.S.C., Section 182, and Title 29, U.S.C., Sections 1-9.

##### **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

### International Trade Administration

#### **Export Trade Certificate of Review**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance of an Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 07-00004.

**SUMMARY:** On January 14, 2008, the U.S. Department of Commerce issued an Export Trade Certificate of Review to Houston Industries, USA, L.L.C. ("HIUSA"). This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification has been granted.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeffrey C. Anspacher, Director, Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number), or by E-mail at [oetca@ita.doc.gov](mailto:oetca@ita.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2006).

Export Trading Company Affairs ("ETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR section 325.6(b), which requires the U.S. Department of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice,