

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* New, one-time collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Survey of Private Sector Employers.

3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the U.S. Commission sponsoring the collection:* No agency form number exists. Component: Office of Civil Rights Evaluation.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: private employers. This survey will be completed by private employers that have responded to a complaint of employment discrimination within the last five years.

5. *Estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100 employers at 1 hour per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 100 hours.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Mireille Ziesenis, Civil Rights Analyst, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW, Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

ACTION: Request for OMB emergency approval.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Office of Civil Rights Evaluation has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. Therefore, OMB approval has been requested by February 25, 2000. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid until

September 30, 2000. All comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request and emergency approval MUST be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Mr. Stuart Shapiro 202-395-7316, Commission on Civil Rights Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503, before February 25, 2000. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted via facsimile to Mr. Shapiro at 202-395-6784.

During the first 40 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the Commission on Civil Rights requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this information collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 5, 2000. During the 40-day regular review, ALL comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mireille Ziesenis, 202-376-6243, Civil Rights Analyst, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW, Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. 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;

2. 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;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Survey of Employment Discrimination Attorneys and Mediators.

3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the U.S. Commission sponsoring the collection:* No agency form number exists. Components: Office of Civil Rights Evaluation.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: employment discrimination attorneys and mediators. This survey will be completed by employment discrimination attorneys and mediators in an attempt to gather their perspectives on EEOC charge processing.

5. *Estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 200 at 1 hour per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 200 hours.

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3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
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2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Survey of Employment Discrimination Research Organizations, Advocacy Groups, and Experts.
3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the U.S. Commission sponsoring the collection:* No agency form number exists. Component: Office of Civil Rights Evaluation.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: non-profit organizations and academicians. This survey will be completed by organizations and academicians who study employment discrimination.

5. *Estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100 at 1 hour per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 100 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

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Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders (M3) Survey Supplement: Unfilled Orders Benchmark Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of consideration.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is planning to initiate a supplement, the Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey, to the monthly Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders survey for 1999. The data received from this supplement will provide the information necessary to benchmark the monthly estimates of unfilled orders in manufacturing. The unfilled orders series is an important indicator of economic activity. These data have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. They are not available from non-governmental or other governmental sources.

DATE: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 17, 2000.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2049, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Wentela, Chief, Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders Branch, Manufacturing and

Construction Division, on (301) 457-4832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. The Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between the economic censuses. The next Economic Census will occur in the year 2002. Data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those inquiries covered in the Economic Census.

This Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey is a supplement to the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders survey and will request end-of-year unfilled orders and annual sales data for 1999. The survey will include a sample of about 10,000 companies classified in industries for which unfilled orders are normally maintained longer than one month. The survey will be mailed in spring 2000 and require responses within 45 days after receipt.

The resulting unfilled orders estimates will be used to revise the levels currently being published for the monthly survey and will improve the accuracy of the data. The current estimates are based on a small sample and are subject to error.

Beginning with the survey year 2001, we will publish the M3 Survey data using the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The data collected in this survey will help establish new levels of unfilled orders for NAICS industries. The structure of NAICS was developed in a series of meetings between the United States, Canada, and Mexico in the early to middle 1990s. NAICS recognizes the rapid changes in both the United States and world economies by providing a means to classify new and emerging industries. The system was constructed on a production-oriented, or supply-based, conceptual framework.

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 35, we will submit the survey to OMB for approval. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies are