

**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Notice of Public Meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights****AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.**ACTION:** Announcement of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the Iowa Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold public meetings via Zoom on Thursday, October 26, 2023 and Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Central Time. The Committee will continue to discuss mental health and develop project proposal.

**DATES:**

Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Central Time.

Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Central Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held via Zoom.

*October 26th Business Meeting*

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1610519135?pwd=Ry9ZTEdSTitLl1JUWGNEM2JckVPUT09>

—Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

—Join by Phone (Audio Only) 1–833–435–1820 USA Toll Free: Meeting ID:161 051 0135.

*November 16th Business Meeting*

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605405595?pwd=cXlQM2YzaVBrbExYcHhvYlBITlJwdz09>

—Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

—Join by Phone (Audio Only) 1–833–435–1820 USA Toll Free: Meeting ID:160 540 5595.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ana Fortes, Designated Federal Officer, at [afortes@usccr.gov](mailto:afortes@usccr.gov) or (202) 681–0857.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any

incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Corrine Sanders, Support Specialist, at [csanders@usccr.gov](mailto:csanders@usccr.gov) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Ana Fortes at [afortes@usccr.gov](mailto:afortes@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at (312) 353–8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, Iowa Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at [afortes@usccr.gov](mailto:afortes@usccr.gov).

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Chair Remarks
- II. SAC discussion regarding mental health and project proposal
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adjournment

Dated: September 18, 2023.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Notice of Public Meeting of the Hawai'i Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.**ACTION:** Announcement of a virtual business meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a meeting of the Hawai'i Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene via ZoomGov on Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30

p.m. HST. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future briefings.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. HST.

Zoom Link (Audio/Visual): <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1610601405?pwd=OEg3ZTVXR2M3VjlQdERCazNHUVZFQT09>.

Audio: (833) 568–8864; Meeting ID: 161 060 1405#

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kayla Fajota, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at [kfajota@usccr.gov](mailto:kfajota@usccr.gov) or by phone at (434) 515–2395.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Committee meetings are available to the public through the videoconference link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Closed captions will be provided for individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing. To request additional accommodations, please email Angelica Trevino, Support Specialist, at [atrevino@usccr.gov](mailto:atrevino@usccr.gov) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Kayla Fajota at [kfajota@usccr.gov](mailto:kfajota@usccr.gov).

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t0000001gzl0AAA>.

Please click on “Committee Meetings” tab. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <https://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above phone number or email address.

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Roll Call

III. Approval of August 10, 2023, Briefing Minutes  
 IV. Discussion: Briefing Planning  
 V. Public Comment  
 VI. Adjournment

Dated: September 18, 2023.

**David Mussatt,**  
*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Business Survey**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed revision to the Annual Business Survey prior to the submission of these information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 21, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to [Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov](mailto:Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov). Please reference Annual Business Survey in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2023–0008, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or

otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

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

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Patrice Hall, Branch Chief, Business Owners Branch, 301–763–7198, [patrice.n.hall@census.gov](mailto:patrice.n.hall@census.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

In an effort to improve the measurement of business dynamics in the United States, the Census Bureau is conducting the Annual Business Survey (ABS). The ABS combines Census Bureau firm-level collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, reduce operational costs, and operate more efficiently. The ABS provides information on select economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. Further, the survey measures research and development for microbusinesses and nonprofit organizations, business topics such as innovation and technology, as well as other business characteristics. The ABS is sponsored by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) and conducted by the Census Bureau. Title 13, United States Code, sections 8(b), 131, and 182; title 42, United States Code, section 1861–76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended); and section 505 within the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 authorize this collection. Sections 224 and 225 of title 13, United States Code, require response from sampled firms.

The ABS includes all nonfarm employer businesses filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, or any other type of corporation, with receipts of \$1,000 or more. Also included are nonprofit organizations to measure their research activities. Annually the ABS samples 300,000 employer business and 8,000 nonprofit organizations. Every five years, the ABS sample increases to 858,000 to serve as a benchmark and produce detailed comprehensive estimates for women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses at the 2–6-digit NAICS, U.S., State, metropolitan statistical area (MSA), county, and economic place levels, while also providing research activities for

microbusinesses and nonprofit organizations. The 2023 ABS sampled approximately 858,000 businesses and organizations (850,000 employer businesses + 8,000 nonprofit organizations). The sample size is reduced to approximately 308,000 for the four following years (2024–2027 ABS) to minimize the burden on survey respondents. The smaller sample size will yield summary-level estimates for women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses at the 2–4 digit NAICS, U.S., state, and MSA levels. The Census Bureau uses administrative data to estimate the probability that a firm is minority- or women-owned. Each firm is then placed in one of eight frames for sampling. The sampling frames are: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic, Non-Hispanic White Men, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Publicly Owned, and Women. The sample is stratified by state, industry, and frame. The Census Bureau selects some companies with certainty based on volume of sales, payroll, number of paid employees or NAICS. All certainty cases are sure to be selected and represent only themselves. The ABS samples approximately 8,000 nonprofit organizations who are required to complete IRS form 990, in order to compile national estimates of R&D performance within this sector. Of note, nonprofit organizations will only see questions relating to research activities and will not be asked any questions relating to owner demographics.

The ABS is designed to allow for incorporating new content each survey year based on topics of relevance. Each year new questions are submitted to the OMB for approval.

The ABS collects the following information from employer businesses:

- Owner characteristics, including sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status from the principal owner(s) of the business.
- Company information including, worldwide sales, domestic sales, number of employees, and business ownership from all employer businesses in the sample.
- Business characteristics from all employer businesses in the sample.
- Research and development from businesses with between 1–9 employees.

Additional owner topics may include military service, owner acquisition, job functions, number of hours worked, primary income, prior business ownership, age of owner, education and field of degree, citizenship status and place of birth, disability, gender