adjourn at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 1999, at the Radisson Hotel Fargo, 201 Fifth Street North, Fargo, North Dakota 58102. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a press conference to release the report, Civil Rights Enforcement Efforts in North Dakota, and to discuss possible follow-up activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact John Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 303–866–1040 (TDD 303–866–1049). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, September 27, 1999.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Current Population Survey—Annual Demographic Survey for March 2000

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request

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 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: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Tim Marshall, Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3340, Washington, DC 20233–8400, at (301) 457–3806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau will conduct the Annual Demographic Survey (ADS) in conjunction with the March 2000 Current Population Survey (CPS). The Census Bureau has conducted this supplement annually for over 50 years. The Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Department of Health and Human Services sponsor this supplement.

In the ADS we collect information on work experience, personal income, noncash benefits, health insurance coverage, and migration. The work experience items in the ADS provide a unique measure of the dynamic nature of the labor force as viewed over a one-year period. These items produce statistics that show movements in and out of the labor force by measuring the number of periods of unemployment experienced by persons, the number of different employers worked for during the year, the principal reasons for unemployment, and part-/full-time attachment to the labor force. We can make indirect measurements of discouraged workers and others with a casual attachment to the labor market.

The income data from the ADS are used by social planners, economists, government officials, and market researchers to gauge the economic well-being of the country as a whole and selected population groups of interest. Government planners and researchers use these data to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of various assistance programs. Market researchers use these data to identify and isolate potential customers. Social planners use these data to forecast economic conditions and to identify special groups that seem to be especially sensitive to economic fluctuations. Economists use March data to determine the effects of various economic forces, such as inflation, recession, recovery, etc., and their differential effects on various population groups.

A prime statistic of interest is the classification of persons as being in poverty and how this measurement has changed over time for various groups. Researchers evaluate March income data not only to determine poverty levels but also to determine whether government programs are reaching eligible households.

The March 2000 supplement instrument will consist of the same items that were included in the March 1999 instrument with one minor change. All references to ''government payments because their income was low,'' which pertain to receipt of public assistance or welfare payments, will now be referred to as ''cash assistance from a state or county welfare program.'' This revision is based on cognitive interviews conducted in June of this year.

II. Method of Collection

The ADS is conducted at the same time as the Basic CPS by personal visits and telephone interviews, using computer-assisted personal interviewing and computer-assisted telephone interviewing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0354.

Form Number: None. We conduct all interviewing on computers.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000 per month.

Estimated Time Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20,833.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There are no costs to the respondents other than their time to answer the CPS questions.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182; and Title 29, United States Code, 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 will 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

1999 Economic Census Pretest

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Bruce M. Goldhirsch, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2614/3, Washington, DC 20233–6100, (301–457–2626).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The proposed information collection is a test of an alternative form design for collecting retail trade data in the upcoming 2002 Economic Census. Currently, we collect the retail trade statistics in the economic census using a two column 8½ x 14 inch size report form. The current design has the most important questions, total receipts, payroll, employment, and kinds of business activity on the first page of the questionnaire.

The Census Bureau will test the effects of changing the report form from the two column 8½ × 14 to a single column 8½ × 11 form. The single column 8½ × 11 inch form has the advantage of being easier to fax, photocopy, download from the Internet, and has been requested by our respondents. Items we are looking for in this pretest are the possible effects on the response rate because the forms will have more pages and possible higher item nonresponse rate for the key data items that will move from page one of the questionnaire to page two.

There will be four panels comprising the 1999 pretest. Each panel will use the existing 1997 data content. The first panel will be the standard two column 8½ × 14 inch form and will be a control panel. The second panel will be a two column 8½ × 11 inch form. The third panel will be a single column 8½ × 11 inch form. The fourth panel will be a single column 8½ × 14 inch form.

Each panel will have 2,381 respondents. This will enable us to measure a reporting change of 5 percent or more with a 90 percent confidence level assuming a 50 percent response rate.

For the pretest we have selected three retail trade forms from the 1997 census. They are the RT–5504, Gasoline Stations; RT–5801, Eating, Drinking Places; and RT–5901, Health and Personal Care Stores. Each report form will be subjected to the same four panel treatment.

II. Method of Collection

The collection for the 1999 Economic Pretest will use a mail-out/mail-back method.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: RT–5504A, RT–5504B, RT–5504C, RT–5504D, RT–5801A, RT–5801B, RT–5801C, RT–5801D, RT–5901A, RT–5901B, RT–5901C, and RT–5901D.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Single unit retail establishments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,524.

Estimated Time Per Response: .77 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,333.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: We do not expect respondents to incur any costs other than that time required to complete the questionnaire. The total time cost is estimated to be $97,095. The information requested is of the type and scope normally carried in company records and no special hardware or accounting software or system is necessary to provide answers to this information collection. Therefore, respondents are not expected to incur any capital and start-up costs or system maintenance costs in responding. Further, purchasing of outside accounting or information collection services, if performed by the respondent, is part of usual and customary business practices and not specifically required for this information collection.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 193, and 224.

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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements; Public Workshop

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the United States Coast Guard North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center will present an integrated approach to clarify and explain NMFS 2000 recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the Alaska groundfish fisheries. In addition, information on the proposed shoreside electronic delivery report will be presented. The workshop will provide