

approximately 3,000 residential addresses per month in Puerto Rico and refer to the survey as the PRCS.

In January 2006, the Census Bureau implemented ACS data collection for the entire national population by including a sample of 20,000 GQ facilities and a sample of 200,000 residents living in GQ facilities in the 50 states and the District of Columbia along with the annual household sample. A sample of 100 GQs and 1,000 GQ residents was also selected for participation in the PRCS.

Starting with the June 2011 mail panel, the Census Bureau increased the annual sample size for the ACS to 3,540,000 households (or 295,000 households per month) in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The primary need for continued full implementation of the ACS is to provide comparable data at the census tract and block group level. These data are needed by federal agencies and others to provide assurance of long-form type data availability since the elimination of the long form from the 2010 Census.

State and local governments are becoming more involved in administering and evaluating programs traditionally controlled by the federal government. This devolution of responsibility is often accompanied by federal funding through block grants. The data collected via the ACS will be useful not only to the federal agencies but also to state, local, and tribal governments in planning, administering, and evaluating programs.

The ACS provides more timely data for use in area estimation models that provide estimates of various concepts for small geographic areas. In essence, detailed data from national household and GQ surveys (whose samples are too small to provide reliable estimates for states or localities) can be combined with data from the ACS to create reliable estimates for small geographic areas.

We will also continue to examine the operational issues, research the data quality, collect cost information and make recommendations in the future for this annual data collection. Data users can use information from this survey to help evaluate the ACS program and to give feedback to the Census Bureau to help in our evaluations.

*Affected Public:* Households or individuals.

*Frequency:* The ACS is conducted monthly. Respondents are asked to give only a one-time response.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141, 193, and 221.

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

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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([bharrisk@omb.eop.gov](mailto:bharrisk@omb.eop.gov)).

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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:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Emergency Beacon Registrations.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0295.

*Form Number(s):* NA.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 186,306.

*Average Hours per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 46,577.

*Needs and Uses:* An international system exists to use satellites to detect and locate ships, aircraft, or individuals in distress if they are equipped with an emergency radio beacon. Persons purchasing a digital distress beacon, operating in the frequency range of 406.000 to 406.100 MHz, must register it with NOAA. These requirements are contained in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations at 47 CFR 80.1061, 47 CFR 87.199 and 47 CFR 95.1402. The data provided by registration can assist in identifying who is in trouble and in suppressing false alarms.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion and biannually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:*

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

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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: June 17, 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:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0432.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (reinstatement with changes of a previously approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Average Hours per Response:* Applications, 8 hours; letters of recommendation, 45 minutes; biographies and photos, 1 hour; annual reports, 90 minutes; evaluations, 15 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 1,920.

*Needs and Uses:* The proposed information collection is a reinstatement of a previous collection, with revisions in the requirements: a pre- and post-evaluation by participants, and a new application form.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Office of Education (OED) collects, evaluates and assesses student data and information for the purpose of selecting successful scholarship candidates, generating internal NOAA reports and articles to demonstrate the success of its program. The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program is available to graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in the areas of marine biology, oceanography and maritime archaeology. The OED requires applicants to the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program to complete an application and to supply references (e.g., from academic professors and advisors) in support of the scholarship application. Scholarship recipients are required to conduct a pre- and post-evaluation of their studies through the scholarship program to gather information about the level of knowledge, skills and behavioral changes that take place with the students before and after their program participation. The evaluation results support NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries program performance measures. Scholarship recipients are also required to submit an annual progress report, a biographical sketch, and a photograph.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Annually or one time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **Request for Public Comments Concerning Regulatory Cooperation Between the United States and the European Union That Would Help Eliminate or Reduce Unnecessary Divergences in Regulation and in Standards Used in Regulation That Impede U.S. Exports**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces reopening of the public comment period for a recently published notice on regulatory cooperation activities between the United States and the European Union. The comment period is reopened from June 23, 2011 to August 8, 2011.

**DATES:** The comment period for the public comments is reopened until August 8, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions should be made via the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket ITA-2011-0006. Please direct written submissions to Lori Cooper, Office of the European Union, Department of Commerce, Room 3513, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. The public is strongly encouraged to file submissions electronically rather than by mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding this notice should be directed to [TransatlanticRegulatoryCooperation@trade.gov](mailto:TransatlanticRegulatoryCooperation@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) published a document in the **Federal Register** on May 3, 2011, (76 FR 24860), inviting public comment on the following possible types of cooperative regulatory activities between the United States and the European Union: Information-sharing agreements; technical assistance; memoranda of understanding, mutual recognition agreements; collaboration between regulators before initiating rulemaking proceedings; agreements to align particular regulatory measures; equivalency arrangements; and accreditation of testing laboratories or other conformity assessment bodies. These comments will serve as a basis for discussion with the European Union on regulatory cooperation activities to undertake which will support the President's National Export Initiative and serve as a basis for discussion

within the U.S.—EU High-Level Regulatory Cooperation Forum.

The notice published on May 3, 2011 (76 FR 24860) informed interested parties that DOC would accept written comments until June 2, 2011. Several associations and organizations with an interest in these activities informed DOC of their inability to submit comments within the 30-day deadline and requested additional time. Based on these requests, DOC is reopening the comment period until August 8, 2011, to provide interested parties additional time to prepare and submit comments. DOC will accept comments received no later than August 8, 2011 and will not consider any further extensions to the comment period.

*Requirements for Submissions:* In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Comments should be submitted under docket number ITA-2011-0006. To find this docket, enter the docket number in the "Enter Keyword or ID" window at the <http://www.regulations.gov> home page and click "Search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with that docket number. Find a reference to this notice by selecting "Notice" under "Document Type" on the search-results page, and click on the link entitled "Submit a Comment." The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a comments field, or by attaching a document. ITA prefers submissions to be provided in an attached document. (For further information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on the "Help" tab.)

All comments and recommendations submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public. For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC". The top of any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL". Any person filing comments that contain business confidential information must also file in a separate submission a public version of the comments. The file name of the public version of the comments should begin with the character "P". The "BC" and "P" should be followed by the name of