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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Form FCS-806, Claim for Reimbursement (National School Lunch, School/Breakfast and Special Milk Programs)

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the public to comment on the proposed Food and Consumer Service (FCS) use of Form FCS-806, Claim for Reimbursement, to collect data to determine the amount of reimbursement sponsors and other providers in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs will be eligible to receive.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 24, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Frank Duesing, Accounting Division, Financial Management, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 415, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Duesing, (703) 305-2870.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Form FCS-806, Claim for Reimbursement, (National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs).

OMB Number: 0584-0284.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 1996.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs' Claim for Reimbursement Form is used to collect meal and cost data from sponsors and other providers in order to determine the amount of reimbursement for meals or milk served. The completed forms are sent to the Food and Consumer Service's Regional Offices where they are entered into a computerized payment system. The payment system computes earned reimbursement.

Earned reimbursement in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Special Milk Programs is based on performance, that is, an assigned rate per meal or half pint of milk served, with cost comparisons to free milk and severe need breakfasts. To fulfill the earned reimbursement requirements set forth in National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Special Milk Program Regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 210.8, 220.11, 215.10), the meal and cost data must be collected on form FCS-806. This form is an intrinsic part of the accounting system being used currently by the subject programs to ensure proper reimbursement as well as to facilitate adequate record keeping.

This request is being made to extend the current information collection for an additional three years. Current methods are the only practical means of collecting this information considering the resources of form users.

The information collected is used by FCS to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for Federal Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response.

Respondents: The respondents are National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs sponsors and other providers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,400 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cato Watson, Agency Information Collection Coordinator, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

Dated: November 12, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Cost Study for Single-Family Value-in Place.

Form Number(s): C-702(BS), C-702(CB).

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Burden: 1,520 hours.

Number of Respondents: 7,600.

Avg Hours of Response: 12 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau produces a monthly data series on the value of private single-family residential construction put in place. Estimates for the series are derived from the Bureau's Survey of Construction (SOC) by using a mathematical model and construction progress patterns. The application of the mathematical model requires us to subtract out nonconstruction costs from sales price or contract value that we collect for the SOC and add construction costs not normally

included in the contract value. The factors representing these corrections to the cost need to be updated in order to bring them up to date with today's housing market and recent innovations in construction. The factors currently in use were derived from two studies conducted in the early 1980's. The Census Bureau will conduct a special one-time study to re-estimate these factors based on current single-family construction data. In the study a subset of the SOC respondents for single-family housing completions will be asked to provide the Census Bureau with up to nine construction cost items. The Census Bureau will use the information collected in the study to revise the models and factors that will be applied to the sales price and contract price for private single-family residential construction.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Bureau of the Census

1997 Business Expenditures Survey

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; 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 January 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sheldon Ziman, Bureau of the Census, AGFS, IMALL 300-19, Washington, DC (301)763-7596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 1997 Business Expenditures Survey (BES), previously known as the Assets and Expenditures Survey (AES), as part of the 1997 Economic Censuses. This information collection will supplement basic economic statistics produced by the 1997 Censuses of Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade, and Service Industries, and is the sole source of detailed comprehensive statistics on business operating expenses of domestic merchant wholesale, retail, and service businesses. Data will be collected only from employer businesses included in the business current sample surveys (BSR-97) database. This information will be used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis to benchmark national economic accounts such as the input-output account, and to derive economic measures of value produced, such as value added. Other government agencies, private industry, and academia also will use these data for policy making, market and economic research, and planning. Detailed inquiries on fixed assets and capital expenditures, included in the 1992 survey, have been dropped.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. These forms will initially supplement those mailed to respondents included in the Annual Surveys of Merchant Wholesale, Retail Trade, and Service Industries. The latter surveys provide data on sales, purchases, and inventories needed to supplement the operating expenses data required for the computation of measures of value produced. Since the main Economic Census due date of February 12 would likely pose undue respondent burden for the types of inquiries to be asked, the survey's due date will be March 12.

Reasonable time extensions will be offered to further reduce this burden. Reminder letters and telephone calls will be directed to those not responding by the extension or due date.

III. Data

OMB Number: [not available]

Form Numbers—9 forms will be used:

| 1997 BES form | Supplement to annual survey— |
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| B-451(S) ... | Wholesale alpha form B-451. |
| B-450(S) ... | Wholesale E.I. form B-450. |
| B-151(S) ... | Retail E.I. form B-151. |
| B-151A(S) | Retail E.I. form B-151A. |
| | Retail E.I. form B-151D. |
| B-151D(S) | Retail alpha form B-153. |
| | Retail alpha form B-153D. |
| B-153(S) | |
| B-153D(S) | Service alpha (A) and E.I. (E) reporting units covered in the B-500 series). |
| B-500(S1) | |
| B-500(S2) | |

Note: Alpha reporting units cover all trade-specific locations of companies with multiple Employer Identification (E.I.) numbers in a particular trade. All other reporting units are covered under trade-specific company E.I. numbers.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Large and small businesses, other for-profit organizations, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,100 (all employers). This reflects the addition of part of the real estate industry to the scope of the survey, consistent with the Service Annual Survey.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is 1.07 hours. For alpha companies (generally large multiunits), the range is .7 to 4.5 hours, averaging 1.7 hours. For E.I. companies (generally smaller), the range is .3 to 3.8 hours, averaging 1.0 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: The total annual burden for fiscal year 1998 is 64,296 hours. The decrease from the 1992 survey reflects the elimination of inquiries covering fixed assets and detailed capital expenditures.

Estimated Total Cost: Included in the total cost of the 1997 Economic Census, estimated to be \$218 million.

Respondents' Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 193, 195, 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