

approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5818 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies an information collection that will be submitted to OMB for approval.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this 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 of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, USDA Rural Development, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Fax: (202) 720-3485.

Title: 7 CFR Part 1724, Electric Engineering, Architectural Services and Design Policies and Procedures.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0118.

Type of Request: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The rule requires borrower to use three Rural Development contract forms under certain circumstances. The use of standard forms helps assure the Agency that:

- Appropriate standards and specifications are maintained;
- The Agency loan security is not adversely affected; and

- Loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purpose.

Standardization of forms by Rural Development results in substantial savings to:

- Borrowers—If standard forms were not used, borrowers would need to prepare their own documents at significant expense; and
- Government—If standard forms were not used, each document submitted by a borrower would require extensive and costly review by both Rural Development and the Office of General Counsel.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.05 hours per response.

Respondents: Businesses, not-for-profit institutions and others.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 99.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 104 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Gale Richardson, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0992.

Fax: (202) 720-3485. E-mail: gale.richardson@wdc.usda.gov.

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.

Dated: June 26, 2008.

James Andrew,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Vermont Advisory Committee

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 briefing and planning meetings of the Vermont Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at the State House, Room 11, 115 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05633. The purpose of the briefing meeting is for the committee to hear presentations from public officials and community groups on racial profiling in Vermont. After the briefing meeting, the Committee will hold its planning meeting to plan future activities.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by July 31, 2008. The address is the Eastern Regional Office, 624 9th Street NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or who desire additional information should contact Alfreda Greene, Secretary, at 202-376-7533 or by e-mail to: agreene@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meetings 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 meetings.

Records generated from these meetings may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

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

Dated in Washington, DC, June 27, 2008.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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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 Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Workflow and Electronic Health Records in Small Medical Practices Study.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 42.

Number of Respondents: 14.

Average Hours Per Response: 3.

Needs and Uses: Needs: The goal of this data collection is to study the information and workflow practices in small physicians' offices operating with and without electronic health record (EHR) across different functions in their

offices. The study will attempt to characterize the workflow, as observed, in these offices to identify sources of time delay in the different tasks performed in the workflow. This will help to identify the barriers for implementing EHR systems.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Sehra, (202) 395-3123.

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 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Sehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K._Sehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: June 26, 2008

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Client Impact Survey

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kenneth P. Voytek, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800, 301-975-4614 (phone), 301-963-6556 (Fax), kvoytek@nist.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) sponsors the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), a national network of fifty-nine (59) locally based manufacturing extension centers working with small manufacturers to help them improve their productivity, profitability, and enhance their overall economic competitiveness.

NIST MEP surveys all clients provided substantive services and collects data on sales, investment, cost savings, and jobs impacts as well as a limited set of qualitative questions. NIST MEP surveys center clients for two primary purposes:

- To collect aggregate information on program performance indicators to report to various stakeholders on program performance. The survey provides information about the quantifiable impacts that clients attribute to the services provided by MEP centers. NIST MEP also conducts other episodic studies to evaluate the system's impact that corroborate and complement the survey results.

- To provide center-specific program performance and impact information for center use. Centers use this information to communicate results to their own stakeholders, at both the state and federal level. Center management and NIST MEP use these results to evaluate center performance and effectiveness. The MEP Center Review Criteria and review process place strong emphasis on a center's ability to demonstrate impacts based on the survey results.

The specific information obtained from clients about the impact of MEP services is essential for NIST officials to monitor and report on program performance and plan program improvements aimed at improving program efficiency and effectiveness. This information is not available from existing programs or other sources. The collection of information is currently conducted by a contractor. This submission under the Paperwork

Reduction Act represents a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

II. Method of Collection

The survey data will be collected through a combination of phone and web-based surveys.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0021.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,067.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: June 26, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; U.S. Fishermen Fishing in Russian Waters

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.