

#### D. Completeness Eligibility

Applications will not be considered for funding if they do not provide sufficient information to determine eligibility or are missing required elements.

#### IV. Fiscal Year 2011 Application and Submission Information

##### A. Address To Request Application Package

For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the USDA Rural Development State Office provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice to obtain copies of the application package.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications through the Grants.gov Web site at: <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications may be submitted in either electronic or paper format. Users of Grants.gov will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it off line, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov Web site. Applications may not be submitted by electronic mail.

- When you enter the Grants.gov web site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site as well as the hours of operation. USDA Rural Development strongly recommends that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov.

- You may submit all documents electronically through the Web site, including all information typically included on the application and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After electronically submitting an application through the Web site, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number.

- USDA Rural Development may request that the applicant provide original signatures on forms at a later date.

- If applicants experience technical difficulties on the closing date and are unable to meet the deadline, you may submit a paper copy of your application to your respective Rural Development State Office. Paper applications submitted to a Rural Development State Office must meet the closing date and local time deadline.

- Please note that applicants can locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.Grants.gov>.

All applicants, whether filing applications through [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) or by paper, must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://www.dnb.com>.

##### B. Content and Form of Submission

An application must contain all of the required elements. Each application received in a USDA Rural Development State Office will be reviewed to determine if it is consistent with the eligible purposes contained in section 310B(c)(2) of the CONACT. Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR 1942.305(b)(3), must be addressed in the application. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and will impact the overall evaluation of the application. Copies of 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, will be provided by any interested applicant making a request to a USDA Rural Development State Office provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

All projects to receive technical assistance through these passenger transportation grant funds are to be identified when the applications are submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office. Multiple project applications must identify each individual project, indicate the amount of funding requested for each individual project, and address the criteria as stated above for each individual project.

For multiple-project applications, the average of the individual project scores will be the score for that application.

##### C. Submission Dates and Times

**Application Deadline Date:** March 21, 2011

##### *Explanation of Deadlines:*

Applications must be in the USDA Rural Development State Office by the deadline date.

#### V. Application Review Information

The Rural Development National Office will score applications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G and will select a grantee subject to the grantee's satisfactory submission of the additional items required by 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G and the USDA Rural Development Letter of Conditions.

#### VI. Award Administration Information

##### A. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the USDA Rural Development State Office. Applicants must comply with all

applicable statutes and regulations before the grant award will be approved. Unsuccessful applications will receive notification by mail. Grantees must further comply with applicable provisions of 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, 3019, and 3052.

#### VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this announcement, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

#### VIII. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the paperwork burden has been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0022.

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Dated: January 7, 2011.

**Judith A. Canales,**

*Administrator, Rural Business—Cooperative Service.*

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, January 28, 2011; 11:30 a.m. EST.

**PLACE:** Via Teleconference. *Public Dial in:* 1-800-597-7623. *Conference ID#:* 37792479.

##### Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

- I. Approval of Agenda.
- II. Welcome New Commissioners.
- III. Management and Operations:
  - Review of transition, order of succession, continuity of operations.
  - Review of 2011 meeting calendar.
  - Staff Director's report.
- IV. Program Planning: Update and discussion of projects.
  - Cy Pres.
  - Disparate Impact in School Discipline Policies.
  - Gender and the Wage Gap.
  - Title IX—Sex Discrimination in Liberal Arts College Admissions.
  - Eminent Domain Project.
  - NBPP.
- V. State Advisory Committee Issues:
  - Consideration of Vermont SAC Chair.
  - Re-chartering the Alabama SAC.
- VI. Approval of Dec. 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes.
- VII. Announcements.
- VIII. Adjourn.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION:** Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376–8591. TDD: (202) 376–8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202–376–8105. TDD: (202) 376–8116.

Dated: January 18, 2011.

**Christopher Byrnes,**

*Delegated the Authority of the Staff Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****U.S. Census Bureau****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Census in Schools and Partnership Program Research**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau, 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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before March 21, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, 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)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Megan C. Kindelan, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 763–2820 (w), [megan.c.kindelan@census.gov](mailto:megan.c.kindelan@census.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

For the 2010 Census, among many integrated communications outreach efforts, the U.S. Census Bureau conducted the Census in Schools (CIS) Program and the Partnership Program (PP) with three primary objectives: (1) To increase the mail-back response rate of census forms; (2) to improve the accuracy and reduce differential undercount; and (3) to increase cooperation with enumerators in the field during the census data collection period. The CIS Program educated primary and secondary school students about the 2010 Census; the students, in turn, would influence their parents in returning the 2010 Census forms. The Census Bureau distributed materials, including promotional brochures, take-home materials, fact sheets, lesson plans, maps, quick start teaching guides, and other aids to increase the proportion of households returning completed 2010 Census forms. The Census Bureau distributed these materials to more than 118,000 schools representing grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. Some of these materials were in the form of printed copies. Hundreds of thousands of additional copies were downloaded in electronic form from the 2010 Census in Schools Web site.

At the same time, the Census Bureau also conducted the Partnership Program, involving commercial entities of national scope, state, local and tribal governments, and regional and local corporations and organizations. The purpose of the Partnership Program was to target historically “hard-to-count” (HTC) areas and increase the Census form mail-back rates. More than 257,000 partners participated in this program.

The Census Bureau needs to conduct collect and analyze qualitative data to address the following research questions: (a) What new methods can the Census Bureau use going forward, during the intercensal years, to reach

out to educators and students from kindergarten to the graduate level to maintain strong relationships with the education community; (b) what are the needs of executive-level educators regarding statistical literacy and the types of materials Federal statistical agencies could provide to be most helpful with regards to statistics education, from the most basic level (kindergarten) to the most advanced (graduate studies); and (c) what can be done to improve the Census Partnership Program going forward and how best to maintain an active base of partners between censuses.

**II. Method of Collection**

The qualitative information will be collected via focus groups and interviews. The Census Bureau proposes to conduct 6 focus groups of primary, secondary, and college level administrators and teachers, with a maximum of 15 individuals per group to discuss questions concerning the Census in Schools Program and how it can be improved during the intercensal years as well as for the 2020 Census. Additionally, the Census Bureau is proposing to conduct 6 focus groups for organizations that participated in the Partnership Program for the 2010 Census, with a maximum of 15 individuals per focus group. Telephone interviews will also be conducted with 30 Partnership Program organizations to obtain data from those partners who are not able to attend the focus group sessions.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* School administrators and Teachers; representatives of corporations, and not-for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 210.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 90 minutes per focus group session; 30 minutes per interview.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 285.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Section 141.

**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