

Subrecipient meets the criteria under 2 CFR part 170) to the Recipient by the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made.

VII. Agency Contacts

A. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water>. The Rural Utilities Service Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the RFP.

B. Phone: 202-720-9589.

C. Fax: 202-690-0649.

D. Email: Joyce M. Taylor@wdc.usda.gov.

E. Main point of contact: Joyce M. Taylor, Community Programs Specialist, Water and Environmental Programs, Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

VIII. Non-Discrimination Statement

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

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Persons With Disabilities

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities and you wish to file either an EEO or program complaint please contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (in Spanish).

Persons with disabilities who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Dated: January 6, 2015.

Jasper Schneider,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2014-2016 Company

Organization Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0444.

Form Number(s): NC-99001, NC-99007.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 47,000.

Average Hours per Response: 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 148,566.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests an extension of the currently approved Company Organization Survey (COS) data collection for survey years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The Census Bureau conducts the annual COS to update and maintain a centralized, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the organizational structure, operating characteristics, and employment and payroll of multi-location enterprises. The 2014-2016 COS collection will not differ from the 2013. The sample size will remain the same as in 2013 surveying 47,000 respondents.

Form NC-99001 is mailed to multi-location enterprises. We ask questions on ownership or control by a domestic

parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; company activities such as—employees from a professional employer organization, operating revenue and net sales, royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property and manufacturing activities. Establishment inquiries include questions on operational status, mid-March employment, first-quarter payroll, and annual payroll of establishments.

In 2011, we submitted a non-substantive change to the COS questionnaire. This revision added three new inquiries as part of the Enterprise Statistics Program (ESP). These three inquiries were: (1) Operating Revenues and Net Sales; (2) Royalties and Licenses Fees for the Use of Intellectual Property; and (3) Manufacturing Activities. In 2012 and 2013 we continued to ask these questions on Form NC-99001 and it is our intention to continue to ask these additional questions for 2014-2016 on Form NC-99001. We also ask questions on ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property and manufacturing activities. In addition to the mailing of multi-location enterprises, the Census Bureau will collect data for single-location companies on Form NC-99007 to some large single-location enterprises that may have added some locations.

The 2014-2016 COS will request company-level information from a selection of multi-establishment enterprises, which comprises roughly 42,000 parent companies and more than 1.4 million establishments. COS inquiries sent to each of the 42,000 multi-establishment enterprises will include inquiries on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; company activities, such as—employees from a professional employer organization, operating revenue and net sales, royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property, and manufacturing activities. Establishment inquiries include questions on operational status, mid-March employment, first-quarter payroll, and annual payroll of establishments.

In addition to the 42,000 multi-establishment enterprises, the 2014-2016 COS will include approximately 5,000 single-location companies that may have added some locations. The NC-99007 Form will collect data for the 5,000 single-location businesses.

The information collected by the COS is used to maintain and update the BR. The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industry and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example, name and address).

- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, island areas, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 182, 195, 224, and 225.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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 or fax to (202)395-5806.

Dated: February 6, 2015.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey

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 April 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Karla Allen, U.S. Census Bureau, EID HQ-8K183A, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-7208 (or via the Internet at Karla.I.Allen@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MARTS) provides an early indication of monthly sales for firms located in the United States and classified in the Retail Trade or Food Services sectors as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The MARTS sample is comprised of approximately 4,900 firms selected from the larger Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS) sample of about 12,000 firms (OMB Control Number: 0607-0717). Firms are selected into the MARTS sample using a stratified design where the strata are defined by industry and size. The MARTS sample is re-selected, generally at 2½ to 3 year intervals, to ensure it is representative of the target population.

The survey requests sales and e-commerce sales for the month just ending. If reporting data for a period other than the calendar month, the

survey asks for the period's length (4 or 5 weeks) and the date on which the period ended. The survey also asks for the number of establishments covered by the data provided and whether or not the sales data provided are estimates or more accurate "book" figures.

Survey results are published approximately 9 working days after the end of the reference month. There would be a delay in the availability of these results if the survey were not conducted, as results from the MRTS are not published until approximately 6 weeks after the end of the reference month. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the survey results as critical inputs to the calculation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Policymakers such as the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) need to have the timeliest estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. The Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) and other government agencies and businesses use the survey results to formulate and make decisions about economic policy.

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, FAX, telephone follow-up, and Internet.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0104.

Form Number: SM-44(12)A, SM-44(12)AE, SM-44(12)AS, and SM-72(12)A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Retail and Food Services firms in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,900.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,900.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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