COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletion from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a service previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments must be received on or before: September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the commodities and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and service have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Towel, Paper, Industrial Wiping
7920–00–010–7106
NPA: East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind
Tyler, Texas
Towel, Machinery Wiping
7920–00–010–7156
NPA: East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind
Tyler, Texas
Cap, Camouflage, Desert
8415–01–326–1570 thru –1581
NPA: Southeastern Kentucky Rehabilitation Industries, Inc.
Corbin, Kentucky

Service

Grounds Maintenance
Base Hospital
Buildings 5520, 5521 & 5522
Edwards Air Force Base, California
NPA: Desert Haven Enterprises, Inc.
Lancaster, California

Deletion

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on future contractors for the service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the service proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following service has been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Document Destruction
Internal Revenue Service
Cincinnati Service Center
Covington, KY

G. John Heyer,
General Counsel.

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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: 1997 Company Organization Survey.

Form Number(s): NC–9901.

Agency Approval Number: 0607–0444.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 90,832 hours.

Number of Respondents: 181,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose business register, known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information to the SSEL concerning the establishment composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-establishment enterprises. The SSEL 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 SSEL's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent enterprises. Further, the SSEL must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial 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. 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, states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, 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 organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 131, 182, 224, and 225.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 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.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Long Term Care Survey (LTC)

ACTION: Proposed collection; 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, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 Sarah Higgins, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3356, Washington, DC 20233–8400, (301) 457–3801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The LTC's general purpose is to characterize the health and functional status of the elderly population in the United States. The Census Bureau conducted LTC surveys in 1982, 1984, 1989, and 1994 under sponsorship from Duke University using funds received in a grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA). Duke University and NIA propose the Census Bureau conduct a pretest in 1998 and the full scale survey again in 1999.

Duke University will use the data and combine it with the data collected from prior surveys to determine how people's health care needs change over time. Planners and policy makers also use data from the survey to conduct research to improve Medicare services and to plan for a sound future for the Medicare program.

Sample Overview

The survey sample has two components: ''longitudinal'' and ''aged in''. The *longitudinal* portion consists of 13,145 sample persons who responded to one or more of the previous four surveys. The *aged in* component consists of a total of 6,100 sample persons: 5,500 who turned 65 since the 1994 survey and an additional 600 people who are 95 years and over. The total sample size is 19,245. Part of the sample is designated as the ''healthy'' segment. The ''healthy'' segment has approximately 1,550 sample people. Half these people are retained from the longitudinal component and half are randomly selected from the aged in component. These healthy people respond to only part of the community questionnaire; they do not receive the questions about disability or impairment. The LTC survey consists of a screener interview and, potentially, a community or institutional interview.

Pretest

The Census Bureau with Duke University has decided to convert the LTC survey from a paper-and-pencil questionnaire to a computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI). We will conduct a pretest during the first half of fiscal year 1998 to test the CAPI instrument and survey procedures for the screener and community components. We will select 500 sample persons in the Tucson, Arizona area for the screener questionnaire, of which approximately 100 will ''screen-in'' for the detailed community questionnaire. In the latter part of fiscal year 1998, we will also conduct a small hothouse test for the institution CAPI instrument. This test will include 40 respondents living in nursing homes in the surrounding Washington, DC area.

Survey Process

The Census Bureau's field representatives (FRs) conduct the screening interviews by telephone or by personal visit if the respondent cannot be reached by phone. FRs conduct all the community and institutional interviews through personal visits and capture data from the respondents via laptop computers. The Census Bureau transmits and stores the survey data on a microdata file and delivers the file to Duke University. Duke links the file with previous LTC data and appends it to administrative Medicare information. Duke sends copies of the file to the Michigan Archives on Aging. Duke analyzes the data and makes its findings known to NIA.

II. Method of Collection

The LTC will be conducted by both personal visits and telephone interviews using computer-assisted (laptop) interviewing. An advance letter will be sent to respondents notifying them of the upcoming survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0778 (expired 9/30/95).

Form Number: There are no forms. We conduct all interviewing on laptop computers.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Fiscal Year 1998 (Pretest) 540.

Fiscal Year 1999 (Survey Year) 19,245.

Estimated Time Per Response:

Fiscal Year 1998 (Pretest) 23 minutes.

Fiscal Year 1999 (Survey Year) 31 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

Fiscal Year 1998 (Pretest) 205.

Fiscal Year 1999 (Survey Year) 9,926.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: We do not expect respondents to incur any cost other than that of their time to respond.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 42, United States Code, Section 285e-1, and Title 15 United States Code, Section 1525 authorize this survey.

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