

Washington, DC 20230. Her telephone number is (202) 482-0202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This information is collected in order to respond to the Executive Order 12138 to promote women-owned business enterprises. Additionally, it is the intent of Congress to promote federal contracting opportunities for women-owned businesses as expressed in the proposed legislation in H.R. 3517, "The Women's Business Procurement Assistance Act." The Department of Commerce through its use of the clause entitled "Women-Owned Small Business Sources" in certain Commerce contracts, implements this policy and encourages the use of women-owned small businesses in its acquisition programs. The Department currently provides opportunities to women-owned businesses on their mailing lists to receive solicitations for contracts. By allowing these firms to compete for, and receive, a fair proportion of the Department's contracts, it reduces a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This clause is used by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clause 52.219-9, entitled "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan" for all negotiated contracts with large businesses which exceed \$500,000. The FAR clause requires the successful offeror to negotiate a small business and small disadvantaged subcontracting plan which provides subcontracting goals for utilization of both small businesses and small disadvantaged concerns. The Department of Commerce clause adds the requirement to include subcontracting goals for women-owned businesses in these subcontracting plans. The clause also requires the contractors to maintain lists of qualified potential women-owned firms. The Commerce Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) provides assistance to the contractors in complying with the required list of potential subcontractors. They also submit the Department's proposal goals for award of contracts and subcontracts for women-owned businesses to the Small Business Administration (SBA).

II. Method of Collection

Written submission.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0605-0019.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time per Response: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 240.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Commerce Solicitations: Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Invitations for Bids (IFBs)

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental 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 Ms. Deborah O'Neill, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6422, Washington, DC, 20230. Her telephone number is (202) 482-0202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce (DOC) is required by the Competition in Contracting Act (Pub. L. 98-369) to seek maximum competition when issuing contracts for supplies and services. The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) require each Federal agency to obtain needed supplies and services by soliciting proposals from prospective contractors prior to entering into contracts necessary to accomplish the missions of the agency. The Department is required to issue solicitations which require prospective contractors to prepare and submit technical and cost proposals as part of the Federal acquisition process for awarding these contracts. In soliciting proposals, the agency collects, from each competing contractor, the information necessary to evaluate the proposals and make a decision as to which proposal offers the most benefit to the Government. In its solicitations, the Commerce Department uses Standard Forms and uniform solicitation format which are prescribed by the FAR. Each competing contractor is required to submit a proposal comprising various parts (technical, business, and cost). Instructions for the preparation of the proposal is tailored to the statement of work, the amount of information to be submitted in the proposal will vary with the complexity and size of the work. The proposal will be evaluated by the Government using criteria which must be stated in the solicitation. The results of the evaluation are used to make a decision as to which firm shall be selected for the contract. Commerce collects no information other than that needed to evaluate and select contractors to meet the unique requirements of the Department, and to meet the requirement of the Federal procurement system.

II. Method of Collection

Written submission.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0690-0008.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Time per Response: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Economics and Statistics Administration****Census Advisory Committees**

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, P.L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), we are giving notice of a joint meeting of the Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee (CAC), the CAC of Professional Associations, the CAC on the African American Population, the CAC on the American Indian and

Alaska Native Populations, the CAC on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and the CAC on the Hispanic Population. The meeting will convene on June 3, 1998, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The agenda will be limited to discussion on issues involved in the tabulation and presentation of data on race from Census 2000 within the framework of the decision on standards for maintaining, collecting, and presenting Federal data on race and ethnicity issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in October 1997. This discussion will also assist the Census Bureau in providing input into the OMB process of developing final guidelines on the tabulation of data on race for use across the Federal system.

DATES: On Wednesday, June 3, 1998, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn for the day at 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wishing additional information about this meeting, or who wishes to submit written statements or questions, may contact Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 3039, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone: 301-457-2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and up to 35 member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Advisory Committee considers the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census and provides a perspective from the standpoint of the outside user community about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Advisory Committee considers all aspects of the conduct of the 2000 Census of Population and Housing and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce for improving that census.

The CAC of Professional Associations is composed of 36 members appointed by the Presidents of the American Economic Association, the American Statistical Association, the Population Association of America, and the Chairman of the Board of the American Marketing Association. The Committee advises the Director, Bureau of the Census, on the full range of Census

Bureau programs and activities in relation to its areas of expertise.

The CACs on the African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Hispanic Populations are composed of nine members each appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committees provide an organized and continuing channel of communications between the communities they represent and the Bureau of the Census on its efforts to reduce the differential in the count for Census 2000 and on ways that census data can be disseminated to maximum usefulness to their communities and other users.

A brief period will be set aside for public comment and questions. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer on 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Lee Price,

Acting Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Economics and Statistics Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****Action Affecting Export Privileges; David Irwin Portnoy; Order Denying Permission To Apply for or Use Export Licenses**

In the matter of: David Irwin Portnoy, 2315 W. 5th Street, Irving, Texas 75060.

On August 1, 1997, David Irwin Portnoy (Portnoy) was convicted in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, on three counts of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1998)) (IEEPA).

Specifically, Portnoy was convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting and causing to be exported from the United States to Switzerland, for transshipment to Libya, shipments of electronic components and telecommunications equipment.

Section 11(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. app.