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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Federally owned inventions U.S. Serial No. 08/974,938, filed November 11, 1997, entitled "Biocontrol agents for Take-All" and its continuation-in-part U.S. Serial No. 08/994,035, filed December 18, 1997, entitled, "Transgenic Strains for Biocontrol of Plant Root Diseases" are available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Eco Soil Systems, Inc., of San Diego, California, an exclusive license to Serial No. 08/974,938 and Serial No. 08/994,035.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Eco Soil Systems, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of

this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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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: Annual Trade Report.

Form Number(s): B-450, B-451.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0195.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,221 hours.

Number of Respondents: 5,750.

Avg Hours Per Response: 23 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Bureau of the Census conducts the Annual Trade Survey to collect annual sales, purchases, year-end inventory, inventory valuation methods, legal form of organization, cost of goods sold, and gross margin data from a sample of wholesalers who are contained in the Census Bureau's Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). We tabulate the annual wholesale trade data to benchmark data from our Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey. The Bureau of Economic Analysis incorporates the wholesale trade data in its calculations of the gross domestic product. Other government agencies and businesses use the published estimates to gauge the current trends of the economy. We are submitting this request as a revision because of a change in our sample strategy. We have selected a new slightly larger sample in order to maintain high quality in the tabulated results.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory. *Legal Authority:* Title 13, USC, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

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 Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 8, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Boundary and Annexation Survey

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 August 10, 1998.

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 Nancy Goodman, Geography Division, Bureau of the Census, WP 1, Room 326, Washington, DC 20233, or call (301) 457-1099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) to collect and maintain information about the inventory, the legal boundaries, and the legal actions affecting the boundaries for counties and equivalent areas, incorporated municipalities, minor civil divisions, and federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native areas. In addition, the BAS requests a review and update of the road and other map information within each government and address information along the governmental boundary. This information provides the Census Bureau with an accurate identification of geographic areas for the decennial and economic censuses, other statistical programs of the Census Bureau, and legislative programs of the Federal Government. Respondents are county or equivalent area, minor civil division, incorporated municipality, American Indian, and Alaska Native officials.

The survey universe and mailing materials vary depending upon the needs of the Census Bureau in fulfilling its censuses and surveys. In the years ending in 8, 9, and 0, the survey includes all governmental counties and equivalent areas, incorporated municipalities, all governmental minor civil divisions, and federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native areas. Each governmental entity surveyed receives a full set of maps covering its jurisdiction and one or more forms. These three years coincide with the Census Bureau preparation for the decennial census.

In the years ending with 2 and 7, the survey includes all governmental counties and their statistical equivalents, minor civil divisions in Connecticut and Rhode Island, with a population of 10,000 or greater, in the remaining Northeastern states, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, minor civil divisions and those incorporated municipalities with a population of 2,500 or greater.

The remaining years of the decade—years ending in 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6—the survey includes all governmental counties and their statistical equivalents, minor civil divisions in Connecticut and Rhode Island and selected areas of Massachusetts, and the population threshold for incorporated municipalities is increased to 5,000.

To ensure the correct allocation of population and housing units for Census 2000, the Census Bureau will request information on the relationship of addresses to the legal boundary. The

survey asks the respondent to review and/or update the address that exists on either side of their legal boundaries where the boundaries intersect streets. This information assists the Census Bureau in correctly tabulating the data for each governmental unit.

Through the BAS, the Census Bureau asks the respondent to review the forms and maps and to certify their correctness. They are asked to update the maps to reflect current boundaries, supply legal boundary change data, provide changes in the inventory of governments and also are instructed to add or change map information—street network, address information—as applicable.

No other federal agency collects these data nor is there a standard collection of this information at the state level. The Census Bureau's BAS is a unique survey providing a standard result for use by Federal, state, local, and tribal governments and by commercial, private, and public concerns.

II. Method of Collection

Each respondent is mailed a BAS package, which includes the following items:

1. An introductory letter from the Director of the Census Bureau.
2. The appropriate BAS Survey Form(s):
BAS-1 and BAS-1A—Incorporated Municipalities
BAS-2 and BAS-2A—Counties, Parishes, Boroughs, Census Areas
BAS-3 and BAS-3A—Minor Civil Divisions
BAS-4—Newly Incorporated Municipalities or Newly Activated Municipalities
BAS-5 and BAS-5A—American Indian or Alaska Native Areas
3. A BAS Guide for Annotating the Maps.
4. Special inserts, if applicable, for the entity.
5. A set of maps, showing the current boundaries.
6. A return envelope.

The respondent is asked to verify the legal boundaries and update the maps, showing the feature, address, and legal boundary changes. They are then asked to certify the maps and verify the forms and return the information to the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau inserts the geographic, address, and feature changes into the TIGER system—the Census Bureau's geographic data base and associated data files.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0151.

Form Numbers: BAS-1, BAS-1A, BAS-2, BAS-2A, BAS-3, BAS-3A, BAS-4, BAS-5, and BAS-5A.

Our letters and inserts are being developed to reflect our request for address updates. A final list of inserts and letters will be included in the package submitted to the OMB for final approval.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Local and Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 39,347.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 118,041.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,682,084. We based our estimate on the information from the Annual Survey of State and Local Government Employment. Using employment and payroll in the category "financial administration," the main cost for local government employees is \$14.25 per hour. The cost multiplied by the estimated burden hours yields the estimated annual cost borne by local governments.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Section 6 under Title 13.

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 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 8, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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