

in technical assistance to agricultural and rural producer groups interested in organizing a cooperative, and to emerging or developing co-ops, so they can: (a) Use sensible economic judgment, (b) determine co-op feasibility, (c) meet an economic need, (d) successfully operate on sound business principles and, (e) increase member income. In order to carry out the Agency's mission, RBS needs to collect information from the cooperative community.

The authority to carry out RBS mission is defined in the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926 (44 Stat. 802-1926), and other regulations listed below.

Authority and Duties of Division (7 U.S.C. & 453)

(a) The division shall render service to associations of producers of agricultural products, and federations and subsidiaries thereof, engaged in the cooperative marketing of agricultural products, including processing, warehousing, manufacturing, storage, the cooperative purchasing of farm supplies, credit, financing, insurance, and other cooperative activities.

(b) The division is authorized:

(1) To acquire, analyze and disseminate economic, statistical, and historical information regarding the progress, organization, and business methods of cooperative associations in the United States and foreign countries.

(2) To conduct studies of the economic, legal, financial, social, and other phases of cooperation, and publish the results thereof. Such studies shall include the analyses of the organization, operation, financial, and merchandising problems of cooperative associations.

(3) To make surveys and analyses if deemed advisable of the accounts and business practices of representative cooperative associations upon their request; to report to the association so surveyed to results thereof, and with the consent of the association so surveyed to publish summaries of the results of such surveys, together with similar facts, for the guidance of cooperative associations and for the purpose of assisting cooperative associations in developing methods of business and market analysis.

(4) To confer and advise with committees or groups of producers, if deemed advisable, that may be desirous of forming a cooperative association and to make an economic survey and analysis of the facts surrounding the production and marketing of the agricultural product or products which

the association, if formed, would handle or market.

(5) To acquire from all available sources information concerning crop prospects, supply, demand, current receipts, exports, imports, and prices of the agricultural products handled or marketed by cooperative associations, and to employ qualified commodity marketing specialists to summarize and analyze this information and disseminate the same among cooperative associations, and others.

(6) To promote the knowledge of cooperative principles and practices and to cooperate, in promoting such knowledge, with educational and marketing agencies, cooperative associations, and others.

(7) To make such special studies, in the United States and foreign countries, and to acquire and disseminate such information and findings as may be useful in the development and practice of cooperation.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Mainly producers of agricultural products in domestic market areas in which proposed cooperatives would be expected to market their member's products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 245.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 245 hours per year.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Diana Wareham, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 720-1975.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Diana Wareham, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0743, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0743. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business—Cooperative Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at the Christian Tutwiler Hotel, 2021 Park Place North, Birmingham, Alabama 32503. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 6, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Nebraska Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Nebraska Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on March 5, 1998, at the Double Tree Hotel, 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact

Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 4, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at the Rivier College, Dion Center, Conference Room, 420 Main Street, Nashua, New Hampshire 03060. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ideas for future projects.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Acting Chairperson Andrew Stewart, 603-632-7543, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 6, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at the North Carolina A & T University, Hodgin Hall, Greensboro, North Carolina 27411. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the Commission and its advisory committees; discuss the status of the report on racial tension in North Carolina; discuss future projects; and discuss civil rights progress/problems in North Carolina and the Nation.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Bobby D. Doctor, Director of the Southern Regional Office, 404-562-7000 (TDD 404-562-7004). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 4, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on Police—Community Relations—Sonoma County

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of hearing cancellation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994, Section 3, Public Law 103-419, 108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR 702.3, that a public hearing before a Subcommittee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights which was to have commenced on Friday, February 20, 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Justice Joseph A. Rattigan Building, in Conference Room 410, located at 50 D Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, has been cancelled. Notice of said hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on

January 28, 1998, FR Doc. 98-2113, 63 FR 4218, No. 18.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Brooks, Press and Communications (202) 367-8312.

Dated: February 12, 1998.

Stephanie Y. Moore,

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: Construction Progress Reporting Surveys:

0607-0153 Construction Project Report (Private Construction Projects, C-700)

0607-0163 Construction Project Report (Multifamily Residential, C-700(R))

0607-0171 Construction Project Report (State & Local Government, C-700(SL))

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collections.

Burden: 0607-0153—18,000 hours; 0607-0163—4,320 hours; 0607-0171—18,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 0607-0153—6,000; 0607-0163—1,440; 0607-0171—6,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts the Construction Project Reporting Surveys (CPRS) to provide the dollar value of construction put in place by private companies, individuals, private multifamily residential buildings, and state and local government sectors. The C-700 form (Private Construction Projects) collects construction put in place data for nonresidential projects owned by private companies or individuals. The C-700(R) (Multifamily Residential Projects) form collects construction put in place data for private multifamily residential buildings. Form C-700(SL) (State and Local Government Projects) collects construction put in place data for state and local government projects.

The Census Bureau uses the information from the CPRS to publish the value of construction put in place series. Published estimates are used by a variety of private business and trade