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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute, Board of Directors, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Oregon

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute (BMNRI) Board of Directors will meet on September 15, 1999, at Island City Hall, 10605 Island Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered will include: (1) Discussion and decision on new Institute direction, and (2) public comments. All BMNRI Board Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at the meeting should contact Lynn Starr, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6548, no later than 5:00 p.m. September 10, 1999, to have time reserved on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Lynn Starr, Acting Manager, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6548.

Dated: August 9, 1999.

Lynn Starr,
Acting Manager.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Survey of Manufactures.

Form Number(s): MA-1000(L), MA-1000(S).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0449.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 190,080 hours.

Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: Three and a half hours.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau has conducted the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) since 1949 to provide key measures of manufacturing activity during intercensal periods. In census years ending in "2" and "7", we mail and collect the ASM as part of the census of manufactures. This survey is an integral part of the Government's statistical program. The ASM furnishes up-to-date estimates of employment and payrolls, hours and wages of production workers, value added by manufacture, cost of materials, value of shipments by product class, inventories, and expenditures for both plant and equipment and structures. The survey provides data for most of these items for each of the 474 industries as defined in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). It also provides geographic data by state at a more aggregated industry level.

The survey also provides valuable information to private companies, research organizations, and trade associations. Industry makes extensive use of the annual figures on product class shipments at the U.S. level in its market analysis, product planning, and investment planning. The ASM data are used to benchmark and reconcile monthly and quarterly data on manufacturing production and inventories.

The content of the questionnaires for the 1999-2001 ASM is identical to the 1998 ASM report forms with the exception of our plans to use the ASM to collect some very basic base-line information about manufacturers use of e-commerce and e-business. We are still in the process of determining whether to include the questions on the bottom of the current ASM form or to put them on a separate one-page flier. We will make that determination based on how best to reach the appropriate respondent and

our own internal processing efficiencies. These questions will be asked only during the 1999 ASM collection.

We are also still working on the exact wording and structure of the questions. The basic content will not change and is included with this submission. We will continue to refine the wording of these questions over the next few weeks. We estimate that these questions can be completed without referring to company records and can be completed in five minutes or less.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

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 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Linda Hutton, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 13, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Program Dynamics—2000

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 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Michael McMahon, U.S. Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3375, Washington, DC 20233-0001, (301) 457-3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD) is a household-based survey designed as a data collection vehicle that can provide the basis for an overall evaluation of how well welfare reforms are achieving the aims of the Administration and the Congress and meeting the needs of the American people.

The SPD is a large, longitudinal, nationally-representative study that measures participation in welfare programs, including both programs that are being reformed and those that remain unchanged. The SPD measures other important social, economic, demographic, and family changes that will allow analysis of the effectiveness of the welfare reforms.

With the August 22, 1996, signing of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Pub L. 104-193), the Census Bureau is required to conduct the SPD, using as the sample the households from the 1992 and 1993 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The information obtained will be used to evaluate the impact of this law on a sample of previous welfare recipients and future recipients of assistance under new state programs funded under this law as well as assess the impact on other low-income families. Issues of particular attention include welfare dependency, the length of welfare spells, the causes of repeat welfare spells, educational enrollment and work training, health care utilization, out-of-wedlock births, and the status of children.

The 2000 SPD is the third year of data collection using the same core questions. A one-time topical module will collect the residential histories of children. The previous wave, conducted in the spring of 1999, collected core data

plus extended measures of child well-being. The 1998 SPD included an adolescent self-administered questionnaire. A bridge survey using the Current Population Survey March questionnaire was conducted in the spring of 1997 to provide a link to baseline data for the period prior to the implementation of the welfare reform activities.

II. Method of Collection

The SPD is a longitudinal study of welfare-related activities with the sample respondents originally selected from 1992 and 1993 SIPP panels. Interviews were conducted in 1997, 1998, and 1999. Subsequent data collections are scheduled for 2000 to 2002. Data are collected using a computer-assisted interviewing (CAI) instrument from a nationally representative sample of the noninstitutionalized resident population living in the U.S. for all persons, families, and households. Persons who are at least 15 years of age at the time of the interview will be eligible to be in the survey.

A small sample of households is scheduled for reinterview. The reinterview process assures that all households were properly contacted and that the data are valid.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0838.

Form Number: CAI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Household Respondents: 42,000.

Estimated Number of Reinterview Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 36 minutes per respondent, 10 minutes per reinterview.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,150.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: No costs to the respondents other than their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, section 182, and Pub. L. 104-193, Section 414 (signed 8/22/96), Title 42, United States Code, Section 614.

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 are summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 13, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Annual Capital Expenditures 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 October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles Funk, Census Bureau, Room 1285-3, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 457-3324.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans the continuing information collection for the 1999 through 2001 Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES). The basic annual survey collects data on fixed assets and depreciation, sales and