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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. 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Address-Affecting Provisions.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0035.

Type of Request: Regular.

Burden: 8,970 hours.

Number of Respondents: 44,850.

Avg. Hour Per Response: .2 hours.

Needs and Uses: This submission of information is used by the PTO to ensure that the information as to the agent or representative, if any, and the correspondence address is current so that correspondence to the representative/applicant from the PTO, whenever such correspondence is mailed, is timely received.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit Institutions, not-for-profit Institutions and the Federal Government.

Frequency: Reporting on Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein, (202) 395-3785.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Maya Bernstein, OMB Desk Office, room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 15, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Bureau of the Census

1996 Integrated Coverage Measurement (ICM) Activities—Person Interview and Reconciliation Activities

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; 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 1955, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David C. Whitford, Bureau of the Census, Room 3771, Washington, D.C. 20233, (301) 457-4035.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Bureau of the Census developed the Integrated Coverage Measurement (ICM) approach for measuring coverage of populations during the decennial census. In the 1996 Community Census, we are interested in refining our ICM approach to measuring the coverage of the census for housing units, people, group quarters with a dormitory style of living arrangement, and incorporating the use of administrative records into the ICM. The 1996 Community Census will be conducted in an urban site (six noncontiguous census tracts in Chicago, Illinois) and two American Indian

Reservations (Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, and Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Idaho).

As soon as the census enumeration is complete, the ICM Person Interview will be conducted using a Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) instrument, a laptop computer. The census enumerations and information from administrative records will be loaded into the CAPI instrument before interviewing begins.

Intensive probing techniques will be used to reconstruct a roster of the residents of the housing unit on census day. The interviewing instrument will examine whether all people mentioned during the interview should be enumerated at the housing unit in question according to census residency rules. For units not enumerated in the census, the interviewer will ask probing questions to determine the status of the units and their occupants on census day, October 5, 1996. Then some initial matching and linking between the roster, the census enumeration, and the administrative records are done within the CAPI instrument. The interviewer will then reconcile the differences between the census enumerations, the administrative records, and the ICM interview. From this "resolved" roster we will have the information we need to produce final estimates of the coverage of the census. The interview data will identify persons missed or incorrectly included in the census as well as persons correctly enumerated.

For quality assurance, at maximum, a 20 percent random sample of respondents in the ICM sample will be reinterviewed using a shortened version of the ICM Person Interview. This reinterview will be done on the CAPI instrument.

After the ICM Person Interviews are conducted, we will conduct an Evaluation Interview; it will be identical to the ICM Person Interview and will be conducted using the CAPI instrument. The objective of this interview is to measure and evaluate data collection error associated with the ICM Person Interview.

An Outmover Tracing Operation will be conducted during the time series when the ICM Person Interviews are being completed. For households where the census day residents have moved out, as identified through the ICM Person Interview, we will attempt to

obtain an ICM proxy interview from the current residents or another reliable proxy. We will attempt to obtain the current address and/or telephone number of the census day residents. We will interview the "outmovers" at their current address in person or by telephone using the ICM Outmover Tracing Questionnaire, Form DT-1340. For outmover households where we successfully trace and interview a member of the Census day household, the information obtained in this interview will be used instead of the information obtained from the proxy. For households where we are unable to locate the Census day residents or obtain an interview from them, we will use the information from the proxy interview.

The ICM Outmover Tracing Questionnaire will also be used in the Outmover Evaluation. The evaluation will measure how effectively the ICM Person Interview identified outmovers.

After the person interview and subsequent matching operation, person matching for Dual System Estimation (DSE) will be conducted. For DSE, results of the ICM Person Interview are combined with the census results to produce a measure of the true population. The estimation technique is called DSE because two independent sources of information or systems are used. Follow-up interviews using Form DT-1301 are needed when prior information is insufficient to determine a person's residence status or match status. After the DSE Follow-up Interview, the results will be coded. The files will then be prepared for missing data and estimation activities.

We will also obtain administrative records of all persons living in dormitories in the urban portion of the 1996 Community Census and match the administrative records to the census. Cases that are possibly matched or nonmatched will be sent to the field for resolution. The DSE Follow-up form, DT-1301A, used during this field resolution will contain only one or two questions to ask of these people. The purpose of the questions is to determine residency status of the people living in dormitories. We will analyze the results of this operation to determine if in Census 2000, we can use administrative records in place of enumeration during the ICM.

II. Method of Collection

Person to person interview.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: CAPI Person Interview (no form number); ICM Person Interview

QA (no form number); DT-1340, Outmover Tracing Questionnaire; DT-1301, DSE Follow-up Form; and DT-1301A, DSE Follow-up Form for Dormitories.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,188 housing units and 120 people in dormitories.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes (CAPI Person Interview, Evaluation Interview, Outmover Tracing Questionnaire, and Outmover Tracing Evaluation), 10 minutes (CAPI Person Interview QA); 15 minutes (DSE Follow-up Form); and 1 minute (DSE Follow-up Form for Dormitories).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,327 hours. CAPI Person Interview=3333 hours (20 minutes×10,000 housing units); CAPI Person Interview QA=342 hours (10 minutes×2,053 housing units); Evaluation Interview=149 hours (20 minutes by 446 housing units); Outmover Tracing=267 hours (20 minutes×800 housing units); Outmover Tracing Evaluation=58 hours (20 minutes×175 housing units); DSE Follow-up=178 hours (15 minutes×714 housing units); and DSE Follow-up for Dormitories=2 hours (1 minute×120 people).

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,576,998.

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 will 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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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1997 Economic Censuses Refile Classification Survey

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request.

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DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 19, 1996.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to William Bostic, Bureau of the Census, Room 2641, Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100, and 301-457-2672 or email at William.G.Bostic.Jr@Info.Census.Gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during non-decennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13 U.S.C., is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public.

The 1997 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U.S. economy. The 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system is being replaced by the new 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The Census Bureau is implementing the new NAICS for the 1997 Economic Censuses. The change to NAICS will require contacting businesses of selected sectors to collect classification information to update the 1997 Economic Censuses mailing lists. The non-goods producing sector which