

considered for environmental use. Changes and modifications to detailed classifications will be introduced with the 1997 Economic Censuses. We expect to revise the survey for future data collections to incorporate improvements learned from this test.

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit.

**Frequency:** One-time test.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 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 Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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## Bureau of the Census

### Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finance

**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 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 30, 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, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Henry S. Wulf, Bureau of

the Census, Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800, (301)-457-1523.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This annual survey provides state government finance data and estimates of local government revenue, expenditure, debt and assets by type of local government, nationally and within state areas. The data are used to calculate the gross domestic product (GDP), to monitor the government sector of the economy, and to formulate, develop, and review public policy.

The revenue category subdivides into the three parts of general revenue, utility and liquor store revenue and insurance trust revenue. Examples of general revenue are taxes, monies from other governments, non-utility charges and interest earnings. Utility charges and investment earnings are examples of other types of government income.

The statistics show expenditure classified by character and object (current operations, capital outlay, etc.) and by function (education, highways, police, welfare, and sanitation, for example). The indebtedness data include all long- and short-term (less than one year) credit obligations incurred in the name of government. Asset information—dominated generally by pension system assets—includes only cash and securities of governments, but excludes any other type of asset such as real property or fixed assets.

Included within this review request are the Forms F-5, F-5a, F-5L1, and F-5L2 from the Annual Survey of State Tax Collections. This survey was approved separately in the past under the OMB number 0067-0046. We are combining these two collections because the tax portion of the data will no longer be released separately. Although the data will be collected in the same manner by the Forms F-5 and F-5a, the data collected will be included as part of the annual survey releases.

##### II. Method of Collection

Canvass methodology consists of a questionnaire mailout/mail-back. Responses will be screened manually, then entered on a microcomputer. Other methods used to collect data and maximize response include central data collection, solicitation of printed reports in lieu of a completed questionnaire, and use of the Census Bureau's Federal Single Audit Clearinghouse.

##### III. Data

**OMB Number:** 0607-0585 (Forms F-5, F-5A, F-5L1, F-5-L2 were

previously cleared under the OMB Number 0607-0046).

**Form Number:** F-5, F-5A, F-5L1, F-5-L2, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-21, F-22, F-25, F-28, F-29, F-32, F-42.

**Type of Review:** Regular.

**Affected Public:** State, local or tribal government.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 7,425.

**Estimated Time Per Response:** 2.8 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 22,798 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** The estimated cost to the respondents is \$303,213.00. The estimated cost to the Federal Government is contained in the Surveys of Government Finance. In total, these cost about \$3.2 million during FY 1996.

#### 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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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## Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 960402097-6129-02]

RIN 0640-XX02

### Revision of the Cost-Share Requirement and Addition of Bonus Points for Community-Based Organizations Applying To Operate Minority Business Development Centers (MBDC) in Designated Locations

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Interim final policy request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In order to leverage Federal resources together with those existing in communities, and to build local capacity to impact growth in the nation's minority business sector, MBDA is revising its Minority Business Development Center Competitive Application Package to increase the Cost-Share requirement from fifteen percent (15%) to forty percent (40%) and to give an additional ten (10) bonus points to the applications of community-based organizations in designated locations.

**DATES:** This interim policy is effective May 31, 1996. Comments on this interim policy must be submitted on or before July 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Mr. Paul R. Webber IV, Assistant Director for Operations, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5073, 14th and Constitution Avenues NW., Washington D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Paul Webber IV at (202) 482-1015.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Executive Order 11625, MBDA provides business development assistance to persons who are members of groups determined by MBDA to be socially or economically disadvantaged, and to business concerns owned and controlled by such individuals. To deliver this assistance, MBDA funds MBDCs which offer a full range of management and technical assistance services, coordinate public and private resources on behalf of clients, and serve as a conduit for information concerning business development.

MBDA selects applicants to operate its MBDCs through a competitive solicitation process. The guidelines for operation of an MBDC are set forth in a detailed Competitive Application Package (CAP). The funding instrument for the MBDCs is a cooperative

agreement, which, in addition to the CAP and the competitive solicitation published in the Federal Register, sets forth the applicable requirements which must be met by an MBDC operator (collectively, the "program guidelines").

Under the program guidelines, the Department of Commerce currently funds up to 85% of the total budgeted cost of operating an MBDC on an annual basis. The MBDC operator is required to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost (the "cost-share requirement"). Contributions which may be utilized in satisfying the cost-share requirement include cash contributions, non-cash applicant contributions, third party in-kind contributions and client fees.

Under the revised guidelines for the geographic service areas designated below, and for such additional geographic service areas as shall from time to time be added to this list, the Department will fund up to 60% of the total project cost. The operator will be required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost in order to satisfy the cost-share requirement. In addition to the traditional sources of an MBDC's cost-share contribution, the 40% may be contributed by local, state and private sector organizations. It is anticipated that some organizations may apply jointly for an award to operate one of the designated centers. For administrative purposes, one organization must be designated as the recipient organization.

Pages 1-7 of the MBDC Competitive Application Package (CAP) address the scoring of applications. Currently, applicants are evaluated based upon a 100 point scoring system which addresses the capability of the applicant, the reasonableness of the applicant's proposed costs, the applicant's proposed strategies for accomplishing the program mission, and other selection criteria. This scoring system will be revised to add ten (10) bonus points to the applications of community-based organizations which have received a programmatically acceptable and responsive score. Each qualifying application will receive the full ten points. Community-based applicant organizations are those organizations currently located within the geographic service area designated in the solicitation for the award, and whose headquarters and/or principal place of business have been located within the geographic service area during the last five years. Where an applicant organization has been in existence for fewer than five years or has been present in the geographic service area for fewer than five years,

the individual years of experience of the applicant organization's principals may be applied toward the requirement of five years of organization experience. The individual years of experience must have been acquired in the geographic service area which is the subject of the solicitation.

Issues concerning the interpretation of the foregoing requirements and the meanings of key terms shall be governed by the CAP, as amended.

MBDA recognizes that the substantially decreased level of funding for Agency programs and the instituting of a community-based emphasis on the selection of service providers may lead to the non-renewal of some awards upon the expiration of the current award term, yet prior to the completion of a full, three-year competitive cycle. It is important to note that under the Agency's existing program guidelines, the renewal of an award for the second and third budget years is expressly conditioned upon the availability of funding and shifts in Agency priorities.

#### Statement of Policy

In order to implement its revised program in support of the minority business sector, MBDA will henceforth increase the cost-share requirement for Business Development Center awards to forty percent (40%) and add ten bonus points to programmatically acceptable and responsive applications of community-based organizations in the following twenty-two locations:

Atlanta  
Tampa  
Cincinnati  
New Orleans  
Bronx  
Newark/Jersey City  
Las Vegas  
San Francisco  
Jacksonville  
West Palm Beach  
Brownsville  
Oklahoma City  
Brooklyn  
Washington, D.C.  
Los Angeles  
Orlando  
Chicago  
Corpus Christi  
Boston  
Connecticut  
Anaheim  
Oxnard

#### Executive Order 12866

This policy revision was determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

#### Administrative Procedure Act

Since this notice of policy revision is a matter relating to public property,

loans, grants, benefits, or contracts under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), the requirements of section 553 do not apply.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this notice of policy change because the notice was not required to be promulgated as a proposed rule before issuance in final form by 5 U.S.C. § 553 or by any other law. As a result, neither an initial nor final Regulatory Analysis was required, and none has been prepared.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice involves a collection of information which has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0640-0006.

#### Executive Order 12612

This policy statement does not contain policies with Federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism assessment under Executive Order 12612.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

Elio E. Muller, Jr.,

*Associate Director for Strategic Planning,  
Minority Business Development Agency.*

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#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051796D]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Agenda Addition

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Addition to meeting agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The agenda for the meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council which is scheduled for June 11-16, 1996, in Portland, OR, was published on May 28, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for an addition to the meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** Portland Red Lion Hotel, 310 S.W. Lincoln, Portland, OR 97201.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The initial agenda published on May 28, 1996 (61

FR 13285). The following addition is to be included in the agenda for the Council meeting:

An initial review of a regulatory amendment to implement specific electronic reporting requirements for onshore and offshore processors will be added to the previously published agenda.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries  
Conservation and Management, National  
Marine Fisheries Service*

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#### National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Transition From GOES TAP/GOES Fax Transmission of Satellite Imagery to Alternative Methods of Delivery

**AGENCIES:** National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the NESDIS and the NWS plan to transition from the current GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax (telephone-based) analog service to new digital-data transmission modes including NOAAPOINT point-to-multipoint broadcast and the Internet. No changes will occur without several advance notifications. A minimum 6-month notification is planned for the user community.

**ADDRESSES:** Information concerning this Notice is available upon request. GOES-Tap users can send inquires to NESDIS, Satellite Services Division, 5200 Auth Road, Room 607, Camp Springs, Maryland 20748.

For GOES-Fax users, requests for information should be sent to the NWS, Telecommunications and Dissemination Branch, 1325 East-West Highway, Suite 17444, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Paquette (GOES-Tap) at 301-763-8051, e-mail at

jpaquette@ssd.wvb.noaa.gov or Herb Hawkins (GOES-FAX) at 301-713-0425

or e-mail at hhawkins@smtpgate.ssmc.noaa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established in the mid 1970's, the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) Telecommunications Access Program (GOES-Tap) has provided Weather Service Forecast Offices (WSFO) with near real-time, high quality analog environmental satellite imagery from geostationary and polar-orbiting satellites. Many other Federal Government and private weather users also access this satellite imagery via regional Satellite Field Distribution Facilities directly as GOES-Tap customers or are connected to a WSFO as a secondary GOES-Fax customer.

In support of the NWS modernization, NESDIS plans to meet new expanded NWS operational data requirements by transitioning from the analog GOES-Tap to a digital GOES data relay through a commercial satellite. This satellite point-to-multipoint broadcast is referred to as NOAAPOINT and will cover the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Scheduled for full deployment near the end of the decade, NOAAPOINT will provide users with real-time transmission of high resolution digital sectorized data from both GOES and other satellite platforms. Currently, NOAA is also examining additional means of digital satellite data delivery including the Internet.

NOAA plans to decommission GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax during calendar years 1997 and 1998. These planning dates could be moved up. All known GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax users will be updated on specific decommissioning dates at least 6 months prior to termination of these services. GOES-Tap and GOES-Fax customers are encouraged to begin making preparations for this transition.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

Robert S. Winokur,

*Assistant Administrator for Satellite and  
Information Services.*

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#### Marine Mammals

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application to modify permit no. 926 (P562).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Marine Mammal Research