

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,

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