

Services Program for the funding of programs that will encourage value-added activities to enhance the economic sustainability of rural communities. Use of the funds should directly benefit proposed or existing cooperative marketing organizations by focusing on, but not limited to, technical assistance in the development of market feasibility analyses or market identification opportunities for value-added products. A cooperative is a user-owned and controlled business from which the benefits are derived and distributed equitably on the basis of use. Value-added activities refer to operations in which raw products are processed or otherwise modified and then marketed to provide a greater return to the cooperative members than if the product had been marketed in its raw state.

The funds will be awarded on a competitive basis using specific selection criteria. Funding priority will be given to those applicants whose projects demonstrate the ability to produce immediate results and which contribute the most to the economic conditions of rural areas.

Public Burden in this Notice

At this time, the Agency is requesting OMB clearance of the following burden:

Form SF-424, "Application for Federal Assistance"

This form is used by applicants as a required face sheet for applications for Federal assistance.

Form SF-424A, "Budget Information-Non Construction Programs"

This form must be completed by applicants to show the project's budget breakdown, both as to expense categories and the division between Federal and non-Federal sources.

Form SF-424B, "Assurances-Non Construction Programs"

This form must be completed by the applicant to give the Federal government certain assurances that the applicant has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the financial capability to pay the non-Federal share of project costs. The applicant also gives assurance it will comply with various legal and regulatory requirements as described in the form.

Project Proposal

The applicant must submit a project proposal containing the elements described in the notice and in the format prescribed. The elements of the proposal are: (1) Table of Contents

providing page numbers for each component of the proposal; (2) A Project Summary of no more than 250 words on a separate page that includes the title of the project, primary contacts, a description of the goals and relevance of the project, and other organizations involved in the project; (3) A Project Narrative of no more than 20 pages of text that discusses the rationale and significance of the project, its objectives and the approach to be used, a time table for the major steps, how the project's accomplishments will be evaluated, and how the project will be coordinated among various participants.

Reporting Requirements

Awardees will be required to submit written project performance reports on a quarterly basis. The project performance report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives; (2) Reasons why established objectives were not met; (3) Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect attainment of planned project objectives; (4) Objectives established for the next reporting period; and (5) Status of compliance with any special conditions on the use of awarded funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to range from 15 minutes to 16 hours per response.

Respondents: Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government; and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1578 hours.

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 to collect the required 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 of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized, included in the request for OMB approval, and will become a

matter of public record. Comments should be submitted to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Sam Spencer, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service, Stop 0743, Rm. 6345-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-0743. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

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Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Northwest Region Logbook Family of Forms.

Agency Form Number: None assigned.
OMB Approval Number: 0648-0271.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,796 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between approximately 1 and 30 minutes depending on the requirement.

Number of Respondents: 86 respondents (6,816 responses).

Needs and Uses: This data collection requires the preparation and submission of logbooks and reports by processing vessels larger than 125 feet in length and from catcher vessels that deliver to them in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery. The information is necessary to monitor catch, effort, and production in the fishery and to analyze the impact of fishery management actions.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations; state, local and tribal government.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: Brett Hauber (202) 395-6466.

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 5327, 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 Brett Hauber, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Title: 1997 Company Organization 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 and instructions should be directed to Dennis Wagner, Bureau of the Census, Room 2546, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100, telephone (301) 457-2580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose business register, known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information to the SSEL concerning the

establishment composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi establishment enterprises.

The SSEL serves two fundamental purposes:

—First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the SSEL's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent enterprises. Further, the SSEL must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example, name and address).

—Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 1997 COS in conjunction with the 1997 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections so as to minimize response burden. The consolidated COS/census mail canvass will direct inquiries to the entire SSEL universe of multi establishment enterprises, which comprises some 180,000 parent companies and more than 1.5 million establishments. The primary collection medium for the COS and census is paper questionnaire; however, several larger enterprises, which account for about 30 percent of covered establishments, will submit automated/electronic COS reports (many more enterprises will submit automated/electronic census reports). COS data content is identical for all reporting modes.

Primary COS inquiries to each of the 180,000 multi establishment enterprises will include questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership

or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Additional COS inquiries will apply to approximately 5,000 enterprises that operate some 25,000 establishments classified in industries that are out-of-scope to the economic census. The additional inquiries will list an inventory of those out-of-scope establishments and request updates to the inventory, including additions; deletions; and changes to Federal employer identification number, name and address, and industrial classification. Further, the additional inquiries will collect the following basic operating data for each listed establishment: End-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll. The economic census will collect data for all other establishments of multi establishment enterprises, including those items listed above. In addition, the COS will include inquiries to approximately 1,000 large single establishment enterprises on ownership or control and industry classification.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0444.

Form Number: NC-9901.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 181,000 enterprises.

Estimated Time Per Response: .30 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 90,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

Included in the total annual cost of the SSEL, which is estimated to be \$7.6 million for fiscal year 1997.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. sections 131 and 182.

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