

reports as required by 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A.

### G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For general questions about this announcement, please contact your USDA Rural Development State Office provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

### H. Civil Rights Requirements

All grants made under this notice are subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as required by the USDA (7 CFR part 15, subpart A) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title IX, Executive Order 13166 (Limited English Proficiency), Executive Order 11246, and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974.

### I. Other Information

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirement contained in this notice is approved by OMB under OMB Control Number 0570-0070.

#### *Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act*

All applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, must have a DUNS number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at (866) 705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Similarly, all applicants applying for grant funds must be registered in SAM prior to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the SAM at <http://www.sam.gov/SAM>. All recipients of Federal financial grant assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive total compensation in accordance with 2 CFR part 170.

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- (1) *Mail*: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; or
  - (2) *Email*: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).
- USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Census Bureau**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Household Pulse Survey**

On July 31, 2020, the Department of Commerce received emergency clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Emergency Processing to continue collection for the Household Pulse Survey (OMB No. 0607-1013, Exp. 10/31/20). This notice serves to inform of the Department's submission of an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for the purposes of obtaining regular (non-emergency) clearance for the Household Pulse Survey, with the intention of administering the survey from November, 2020 (upon expiration of the current emergency clearance)

through December, 2021. The Department invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2020 (in response to notice of the Household Pulse Survey as a new, 90-day collection) and again on June 3, 2020 (in response to subsequent notice of the Department's intention to continue the Household Pulse Survey beyond the initial 90 days) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency*: U.S. Census Bureau.  
*Title*: Household Pulse Survey.  
*OMB Control Number*: 0607-1013.  
*Form Number(s)*: None.

*Type of Request*: New Request for Regular Clearance for Collection; Collection is Currently Active Under Emergency Clearance Approval.

*Number of Respondents*: 3,150,000.  
*Average Hours per Response*: 20 minutes.

*Burden Hours*: 1,039,500.

*Needs and Uses*: Data produced by the Household Pulse Survey are designed to inform on a range of dimensions that American households are experiencing during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including employment, facility to telework, travel patterns, income loss, spending patterns, food and housing security, access to benefits, mental health and access to care, and educational disruption (K-12 and post-secondary). The Household Pulse Survey was initially launched in April 2020 as an experimental project (see <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products.html>) slated to last 90 days; the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted emergency clearance for this effort on April 19, 2020. However, as the pandemic has continued and the survey's data have proven useful to government officials and policy makers managing pandemic response and recovery efforts, the Department requested and OMB approved an extension of the emergency clearance on July 31, 2020, which will permit the collection to continue through October 31, 2020. As this will exhaust the emergency clearance authority (180 days), the Department of Commerce is preparing a new Information Collection Request (ICR) to request regular clearance for the continuation of this collection beyond October 31, 2020. This new ICR package

will follow shortly upon publication of this notice.

*Affected Public:* Households.

*Frequency:* Households will be selected once to participate in a 20-minute survey.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 182; 5 CFR part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burden on the Public, Section 1320.13.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607–1013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council; Charter Renewal and Solicitations of Nominations for Membership

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, the Department of Commerce (the Department) announces that the charter for the U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council was renewed on August 7, 2020. This discretionary federal advisory committee advises the Secretary in identifying effective ways to help expand access to finance for U.S. exporters and their foreign buyers. The charter renewal of this advisory committee was necessary to provide the Secretary with advice from industry stakeholders on the development of effective policies and programs that support the Department's strategic goal

of enhancing job creation by strengthening U.S. companies' export capabilities and reducing the costs and complexities associated with exporting. This notice also requests nominations for membership.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Friday, November 13, 2020. After that date, the Department will continue to accept nominations under this notice through February 2022 to fill any vacancies that may arise.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be submitted by email to [TFAC@trade.gov](mailto:TFAC@trade.gov), Attention: Yuki Fujiyama, Designated Federal Officer and Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Yuki Fujiyama, Trade Finance Specialist, Office of Finance and Insurance Industries, Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482–3468; email: [Yuki.Fujiyama@trade.gov](mailto:Yuki.Fujiyama@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background and Authority

Pursuant to provisions of the FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., the Department announces that the charter for the U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council (TFAC or the "Council") was renewed on August 7, 2020. The TFAC Secretariat, housed in the Office of Finance and Insurance Industries at the Department's International Trade Administration, is accepting nominations for membership on the Council. The Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to the duties imposed by 15 U.S.C. 1512, first established the TFAC on August 11, 2016, in accordance with the FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The current TFAC charter was renewed for a two-year term and will expire on August 7, 2022.

The TFAC functions solely as an advisory committee and its main objectives are to advise the Secretary in identifying effective ways to help (1) expand access to finance for U.S. exporters, including small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and their foreign buyers, and (2) remove obstacles to such finance, capital and related resources. The description of duties is as follows:

A. Provide a forum to facilitate discussion among a diverse group of stakeholders such as banks, non-bank financial institutions, other trade finance related organizations, and exporters, so that the TFAC can better

perform its advisory work for the Secretary by obtaining a better understanding of current challenges facing U.S. exporters and their foreign buyers in accessing financing and capital;

B. Develop actionable recommendations for the Secretary to help achieve the objectives stated in this charter;

C. Address access to private sector trade finance by identifying proactive and effective ways for the Department to support and collaborate with private sector trade finance providers, which facilitate 98 percent of U.S. export transactions, to contribute to the growth of U.S. exports;

D. Recommend effective ways for the Department to expand use of U.S. government export finance programs by increasing awareness of programs offered by the U.S. Export-Import Bank (EXIM Bank), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA/FAS), and promoting their use among U.S. exporters, especially SMEs, which are unable to obtain financing in the private-sector due to credit, commercial and/or country risks;

E. Draw upon the experience of its members to identify how new financial technologies and other innovative solutions can expand access to trade finance for U.S. exporters; and

F. Report to the Secretary on its activities and recommendations. In creating its reports, the TFAC shall: (1) Evaluate current credit conditions and specific financing challenges faced by U.S. exporters, including SMEs, and their foreign buyers; (2) identify emerging financing sources that could address these gaps; (3) explore actions U.S. exporters can take to manage various risks more effectively, thus minimizing risk of non-payment or delayed payment to help enhance their ability to obtain financing; and (4) address any other issues requested by the Secretary, the Under Secretary for International Trade, or the Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis

#### II. Structure, Membership, and Operation

The TFAC under the new charter will consist of up to twenty (20) members with a balanced and broad range of interests, including representatives from the trade finance industry and the U.S. exporting community, as well as experts from academia and public policy organizations.

The Secretary will seek to appoint to the TFAC individuals representing the following areas: