

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Dakota Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the South Dakota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. (MST) on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, via teleconference. The purpose of the meeting is to review current civil rights issues in the state identified by state advisory committee members. A goal of the meeting is to select a topic for study.

Members of the public may listen to the discussion by dialing the following Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1-888-455-2296; Conference ID: 5419679. Please be advised that before being placed into the conference call, the operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and an email address (if available) prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free phone number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-977-8339 and provide the FRS operator with the Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1-888-455-2296, Conference ID: 5419679. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Thursday, May 5, 2016. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13-201, Denver, CO 80294, faxed to (303) 866-1050, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866-1040.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=274> and clicking on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected

and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

- Agenda:
- Welcome and Introductions
 - Richard Braunstein, Chair, South Dakota Advisory Committee
 - Malee V. Craft, Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Regional Office (RMRO)
 - Further discuss topics identified by SAC members
 - Select topic for future study
 - Next Steps

DATES: Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. (MST).

ADDRESSES: To be held via teleconference:

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TDD: Dial Federal Relay Service 1-800-977-8339 and give the operator the above conference call number and conference ID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Malee V. Craft, DFO, mcraft@usccr.gov, 303-866-1040.

Dated: March 8, 2016.

David Mussatt,
Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (C-SAC). The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology, and statistics. The C-SAC will meet in a plenary session on April 14-15, 2016. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments. Please visit the Census Advisory Committees Web site for the most current meeting agenda at:

<http://www.census.gov/cac/>. The meeting will be available via Web cast at: <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/census-live.html> or at <http://www.ustream.tv/embed/6504322?wmode=direct>.

DATES: April 14-15, 2016. On April 14, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 4:15 p.m. On April 15, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 2:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Auditorium, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Dunlop, Branch Chief for Advisory Committees, Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office, tara.t.dunlop@census.gov, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H177, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-5222. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The members of the C-SAC are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

All meetings are open to the public. A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment on April 15. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to:

census.scientific.advisory.committee@census.gov (subject line "April 2016 C-SAC Meeting Public Comment"), or by letter submission to Kimberly L. Collier, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H179, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Tuesday, April 12, 2016. You may access the online registration from the following link: <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1822689>. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301–763–9906 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Topics to be discussed include the following items:

- 2020 Census Program Overview
 - Reengineering Address Canvassing
 - Utilizing Administrative Records
 - Optimizing Self-Response
- BIG Data
- National Content Test Study Plan
- Working Groups Reports
 - BIG Data
 - Census Enterprise Data Collection and Processing Systems (CEDCaP) and Reorganized Census with Integrated Technology (ROCKIT)
 - American Community Survey (ACS) Reducing Respondent Burden
- Brief of National Academy of Science ACS Expert Group
- Technology EXPO

Dated: March 4, 2016.

John H. Thompson,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Survey of

Entrepreneurs.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0986.

Form Number(s): The online survey instrument does not have a form number.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 290,000.

Average Hours per Response: 35 minutes.

Burden Hours: 169,167.

Needs and Uses: In an effort to improve the timely measurement of business dynamics in the United States, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts an annual survey focused on employer businesses. The survey is known as the Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE) and collects information on characteristics of businesses and business owners. The ASE is a supplement to the Survey of Business

Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO), which provides economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status every 5 years. The ASE is an intercensal program that helps assess the health of the economy and provides detailed statistics on businesses and business owners more frequently. The ASE is a joint effort funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), and the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau will collaborate with the Kauffman Foundation, the MBDA, and other agencies to ensure the ASE is as robust and effective as possible.

The inaugural ASE began collection in September 2015 for the 2014 reference year. Corresponding estimates will be released in late summer of 2016. Estimates will include number of firms, sales/receipts, annual payroll, and employment by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. The ASE includes questions from the 2012 SBO long form SBO–1 with additional questions to collect data on entrepreneurs' access to capital. The ASE introduces a new module each year focusing on an important component related to business growth. Proposed module topics include innovation, research and development, technological advances, Internet usage, management and business practices, exporting practices, and globalization. The 2014 ASE module covered innovation and research and development. The 2015 module, the subject of this request, will cover management and business practices. We are proposing no changes to the core questions currently asked on the ASE. The survey samples approximately 290,000 employer businesses stratified by metropolitan statistical area (MSA), frame, and age of business. This survey will help assess the impact young firms have on the growth of the economy. Additionally, the survey has a longitudinal component that will allow the growth of the firms in the sample to be tracked and analyzed over time.

This collection allows the Census Bureau to collaborate on the implementation of a key National Academies recommendation for improving the measurement of business dynamics in the U.S. economy, which recommended:

The Census Bureau Survey of Business Owners (SBO) should be conducted on an annual basis. The survey should include both a longitudinal component and a flexible, modular design that allows survey content to change over time. In addition, the Census

Bureau should explore the possibility of creating a public-use (anonymized) SBO or a restricted access version of the data file.

—Lynch, Lisa M., John Haltiwanger, and Christopher Mackie, eds.

Understanding Business Dynamics: An Integrated Data System for America's Future. National Academies Press, 2007.

The additional sources of capital and financing questions provide information on the financial trends and financial challenges faced by entrepreneurs. Tabulation of the financing questions will offer insight into the type of funding acquired and used by women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses. Questions for the 2015 management and business practices module were developed in conjunction with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, MBDA, and the Census Bureau. Census Bureau labor economists contributed to the development of the management module by identifying relevant questions about entrepreneurs' management, record-keeping, and other business practices. The 2015 ASE module will allow for an assessment of management practices that contribute to business growth. Questions from the management practices module will also provide an understanding of the types of workers used by a business and the types of tasks they perform. The ASE is designed to retain certain businesses in the sample from year to year. This will help track and assess the growth of these firms and changes to their business characteristics over time.

The ASE collection is electronic only. An initial letter that informs the respondents of their requirement to complete the survey and provides survey access instructions will be mailed from the Census Bureau's processing headquarters in Jeffersonville, Indiana. For the 2015 ASE, approximately 290,000 letters will be mailed to employer businesses that were in business during 2015. Initial mailout will occur in June 2016, with a due date of July 27, 2016. There will be two follow-up letter mailings to nonrespondents after the due date. Closeout of mail operations is scheduled for November 2016. Upon the close of the collection period, the response data will be processed, edited, reviewed, tabulated, and released publicly.

The survey will collect data on the gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status for up to four persons owning the majority of rights, equity, or interest in the business. These data are needed to evaluate the extent and growth of business ownership by women,