Contract Activity: MEDCOM Health Care Acquisition Activity, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Quarterly Survey of State and Local Tax Revenues; 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 December 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David A. Kellerman, Chief, Public Finance Analysis Branch-B, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–6800 (301–763–7242).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request an extension of the Quarterly Survey of State and Local Tax Revenue. The Bureau needs State and local tax data to publish benchmark statistics on public sector taxes; to provide data to the Bureau of Economic Analysis for GDP calculations and other economic indicators; and to provide data for economic research and comparative studies of governmental finances. Data are collected on a quarterly basis from State and local tax collecting agencies.

Tax collection data are used to measure economic activity for the Nation as a whole, as well as for comparison among the various states. These data also are useful in comparing the mix of taxes employed by individual states, and in determining the revenue raising capacity of different types of taxes.

The Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections (form F–71) is sent to 5,739 local government tax collecting agencies in 530 county areas. While some counties are served by a single county level tax collection agency, others have county, city, township, and even school district collectors. Each agency is asked to report the total property tax collections during the past quarter.

The Quarterly Survey of State Tax Collections (Form F–72) is sent to a state level revenue, finance, or budget agency in each state to report tax collection data for the preceding 3-month period.

The Quarterly Survey of Selected Local Taxes (Form F–73) is sent to 70 local tax collection agencies known to have substantial collections of local general sales and/or local individual income taxes.

The expected decrease in the respondent burden is due to a slight reduction in the universe of the survey. Due to the disincorporation and consolidation of certain tax collecting agencies, the number of respondents receiving Form F–71 has decreased by 61. The F–73 increased by 15 due to creation of a new sample. There are no planned content changes to any form.

II. Method of Collection

The F–71 portion of the survey is conducted by mail canvass. Responses are screened manually and then entered on a microcomputer

F–73 forms are sent to respondents by mail canvass or electronically via e-mail. Several respondents have requested to conduct the survey through electronic mail.

F–72 forms are sent to respondents by either facsimile or e-mail (as requested). Respondents are given the option of returning the forms through facsimile, mail or electronically via e-mail.

Telephone follow up of large property tax collectors is the main method used to maximize response. In those instances when we are not able to obtain a response, estimates are made for non-respondents by using data of the same quarter from the last year it had been received.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0112.

Form Number: F–71, F–72, and F–73.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,860.

Estimated Time Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,911.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to the respondents is $107,226.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 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 included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 21, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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: 2002 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO).

Form Number(s): SBO–1, SBO–2.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 416,666 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,500,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The 2002 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons (SBO) will provide the only comprehensive, regularly collected source of information on selected economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by gender, ethnicity, and race. It is conducted as part of the economic census program. This survey was previously known as the Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and the Survey of Women-Owned Business Enterprises (SWOBE).

For the 2002 SBO, significant changes have been made to the questionnaire. These changes include the following:

- The questions about race and ethnicity have been modified to meet the OMB guidelines to allow respondents the opportunity to select more than one race. Also, per the OMB guidelines, the Hispanic origin question is placed before the race question.
- The survey adopts person-level reporting for a variety of characteristics for up to three individual owners, because background research suggested difficulty with aggregate reporting of race and ethnicity combinations for multiple owners.
- Several new questions have been borrowed from the former Characteristics of Business Owners survey, which has not been funded for the upcoming economic census. These items will fill the void for many data users.
- A new question has also been added to increase our understanding of the businesses' use of alternative employment arrangements.

These data are needed to evaluate the extent and growth of business ownership by minorities and women in order to provide a framework for assessing and directing Federal, state, and local government programs designed to promote the activities of disadvantaged groups. The Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency use the SBO data when allocating resources for their business assistance programs. The data are also widely used by private firms and individuals to evaluate their own businesses and markets, by the media for news stories, by researchers and academia for determining firm characteristics, and by the legal profession in evaluating the concentration of minority businesses in particular industries and/or geographic areas.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: Every five years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131, 193, & 224.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395–5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3129, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dhynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (*susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov*).

Dated: October 21, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 8 of the 2001 Panel

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 or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *DHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Judith H. Eargle, Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3387, Washington, DC 20233–0001, (301) 763–3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the SIPP which is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels. New panels are introduced every few years with each panel usually having durations of one to four years. Respondents are interviewed at 4-month intervals or "waves" over the life of the panel. The survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of the panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to address specific needs, such as obtaining information about child support agreements, support for non-household members, functional limitations and disabilities (adults/children), adult well-being, and welfare reform. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules."

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic-policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983 permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The 2001 Panel is currently scheduled for three years and will include nine waves of interviewing beginning February 2001. Approximately 50,000 households will be selected for the 2001 Panel, of which 37,500 are expected to be interviewed. We estimate that each household will contain 2.1 people, yielding 78,750 interviews in Wave 1 and subsequent waves. Interviews take 30 minutes on average. Three waves of interviewing will occur in the 2001 SIPP Panel during FY 2003. The total annual burden for the 2001 Panel SIPP interviews would be 118,125 hours in FY 2003.

The topical modules for the 2001 Panel Wave 8 collect information about:

- Child Support Agreements.
- Support for Non-Household Members.
- Functional Limitations and Disabilities (Adults/Children).
- Adult Well-Being.
- Welfare Reform.

Wave 8 interviews will be conducted from June 2003 through September 2003.

A 10-minute reinterview of 2,500 people is conducted at each wave to ensure accuracy of responses.