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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: August 30, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* National Voluntary Conformity Assessment System Evaluation (NVCASE) Program.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0693-0019.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 30.

*Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 3.

*Needs and Uses:* This information is required by NIST to evaluate laboratories, certification bodies, quality system registrars, and accreditation entities that apply for recognition to provide services to U.S. manufacturers. The information collected is essential to enable NIST to thoroughly evaluate applicant's conformance with all the requirements of 15 CFR part 286. The manufacturers' products must satisfy mandatory regulations of the importing country prior to import.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jacqueline Zeiher, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806, or [JZeiher@omb.eop.gov](mailto:JZeiher@omb.eop.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

### Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public-Employee Retirement Systems

**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 November 7, 2005.

**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](mailto: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 Ellen Thompson, Chief, Employment Branch, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Stop 6800, Washington, DC 20233-6800, (301-763-1531) (or via the Internet at [ellen.ann.thompson@census.gov](mailto:ellen.ann.thompson@census.gov)).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request an extension for the quarterly retirement

survey. The quarterly survey was initiated by the Census Bureau in 1968 at the request of both the Council of Economic Advisers and the Federal Reserve Board. It gathers data on the assets of the 100 largest state and local government public-employee retirement systems. These systems hold over \$2 trillion in assets, which represent approximately 90 percent of all state and local government public-employee retirement system assets.

These important data are used by the Federal Reserve Board to track the public sector portion of the flow of funds accounts. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the data on corporate stock holdings to estimate dividends received by state and local government public-employee retirement systems. These estimates, in turn are used as a component in developing the national income and product accounts.

#### II. Method of Collection

Canvass methodology consists of a mail out/mail back questionnaire. Responses are screened manually, then put into an electronic format. No statistical methods are used to calculate the data.

Respondents may choose to report their data over our Internet site. In addition to reporting current quarter data on the Internet, respondents may report for the first time for the previous two quarters or submit revisions to their previously submitted data if needed.

In those instances when we are not able to obtain a response, estimates are made for nonrespondents based on historical data for that same system.

#### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0143.

*Form Number:* F-10.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* State and local government retirement systems.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 300.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$5,934.

**Note.**—Based upon the average hourly pay of \$19.78 for full-time employment for the financial administration function for state government employees in the 2004 Survey of State and Local Government Employment.

*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: August 30, 2005.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### **Precanvass Operation for the 2007 Economic Census Covering Transportation of Commodities**

**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 November 7, 2005.

**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](mailto: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 John Fowler, Census Bureau, Room G-023-Building 3, Washington, DC 20233.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a Precanvass Operation in preparation for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the sample frame. The Commodity Flow Survey itself will be the subject of a later notice planned for publication in early 2006.

The Commodity Flow Survey, a component of the Economic Census, is the only comprehensive source of multi-modal, system-wide data on the volume and pattern of goods movement in the United States. The Commodity Flow Survey is conducted in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation.

In conducting the Precanvass, the Census Bureau will mail a one-page questionnaire to selected manufacturing, mining, and wholesale establishments, and to enterprise support establishments in its Business Register. The precavass will determine if these establishments are engaged in shipping activities, and if so obtain an estimate of the annual value of those shipments, along with contact information for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey. Those establishments that do not ship will be eliminated from the sample frame. This will significantly improve the sample for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey. Also, those establishments excluded from the sample frame will be saved the added burden of reporting in the Commodity Flow Survey.

#### **II. Method of Collection**

The Census Bureau will mail the Precanvass Questionnaire to (a) enterprise support establishments in the Census Bureau's Business Register, and (b) the largest establishments in the industries listed above that are likely to be included in the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey. The estimated size of the Precanvass mailing is 75,000 establishments.

The Census Bureau will use a mail-out, mail-back methodology, with telephone follow-up for selected non-response cases. General information on shipping activity and value of shipments will be collected via check box style questions. Contact information also will be collected and used to improve the mailing and follow-up activities for the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey.

#### **III. Data**

*OMB Number:* Not Available.

*Form Number:* CFS-0001.

*Type of Review:* Regular review.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 75,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,250.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$200,000.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, U.S.C. 131.

#### **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: August 30, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### **Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting**

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet September 13, 2005, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

#### **Agenda**

##### *Public Session*

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman