

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Census Bureau****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).

*Title:* 2007 Economic Census, Precanvass for the Commodity Flow Survey.

*Form Number(s):* CFS-0001, CFS-0002.

*Agency Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 4,933 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 85,000.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* CFS-0001—5 min.; CFS-0002—2 min.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2007 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) as a part of the quinquennial Economic Census. In advance of the 2007 CFS we will conduct a Precanvass. That Precanvass is the subject of this request.

The information collected in the 2007 CFS Precanvass will be used to:

- a. Improve the frame and sampling efficiency of the 2007 CFS, and
- b. Provide contact information for the largest establishments, reducing the cost and improving the timeliness of data collection.

The 2007 CFS Precanvass will be mailed to auxiliary establishments, and establishments expected to be selected with certainty in the 2007 CFS.

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 CFS is conducted in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), U.S. Department of Transportation. The 2007 CFS will be the subject of a separate submission in 2006.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Every 5 years.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. 131, 193, and 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) 482-0266, 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 Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202) 395-7245 or e-mail ([susan\\_schechter@omb.eop.gov](mailto:susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov)).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Census Bureau****Questionnaire for Building Permit  
Official**

**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 January 31, 2006.

**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 Erica Filipek, Census Bureau, Room 2105, FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 763-5161 (or via the Internet at [Erica.mary.filipek@census.gov](mailto:Erica.mary.filipek@census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Questionnaire for Building Permit Official (SOC-QBPO). The Census Bureau uses the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) electronic questionnaire SOC-QBPO to collect

information from state and local building permit officials, such as (1) the types of permits they issue, (2) the length of time a permit is valid, (3) how they store permits, and (4) the geographic coverage of the permit system. We need this information to carry out the sampling for the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions (OMB number 0607-0110), also known as Survey of Construction (SOC). The SOC provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts, Housing Completions, and New Housing Sales.

We plan no changes to the SOC-QBPO, the information collection methodology, or the sample size.

**II. Method of Collection**

The Census Bureau uses its field representatives to obtain information on the operating procedures of a permit office. The field representative visits the permit office, conducts the interview, and completes the electronic form.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0125.

*Form Number:* SOC-QBPO.

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 900.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 225 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$4,502 based on an average hourly salary of \$20.01 for state and local government employees.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, 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