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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Paperwork Reduction Act 60-Day Notice; Request for Comments

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments; announcement of Customer Service Survey.

SUMMARY: USAID's Performance Improvement Officer (PIO) will administer an annual, internal Customer Service Survey (CSS) and use staff feedback to improve customer service operations. USAID leadership uses CSS results to demonstrate their commitment to listening to customers, making data-informed decisions, and addressing customers' issues. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, USAID requests public comment on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations.

DATES: USAID intends to issue the survey in late winter/early spring 2023. Comments are due October 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send all electronic comments to mastrong@usaid.gov. Include "Announcement of Customer Service Survey" in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maggie Strong, mastrong@usaid.gov, 202-921-5104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Customer Service Survey will be administered to USAID staff, including contractors. USAID staff of all hiring mechanisms have the opportunity to take the survey; participation is not mandatory. USAID uses data for internal decision-making and data will not be made public.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket Number 220526-0123]

Soliciting Input or Suggestions on 2030 Census Preliminary Research

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Early planning for the 2030 Census program began in Fiscal Year 2019 with building the program foundation and preparing for the official program kick-off and start of the Design Selection Phase in October 2021. The primary goal of the Design Selection Phase is to conduct the research, testing, and operational planning and design work to inform the selection of the 2030 Census operational design. We are issuing this notice to engage with our stakeholders on the development and implementation strategies that improve the way people participate in the 2030 Census. This notice also includes specific topics of interest to help guide input from stakeholders and other members of the public.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 15, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to DCMD.2030.Research@census.gov. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2022-0004, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Jennifer Reichert, Chief, Decennial Census Management

Division, 301-763-6712, and DCMD.2030.Research@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2020, the Census Bureau conducted the most automated, modern, and dynamic decennial census in our nation's history. This included design changes that made it as easy and efficient as possible for people to respond to the census by offering response options through the internet and by telephone, in addition to the traditional paper response, thereby allowing people to respond to the census from any location at any time. This helped to get more people to respond on their own, which, in turn, reduced the need to conduct expensive in-person follow-up for the enumeration.

The 2020 Census Program used advertisements to motivate people to respond, and used different approaches to reach demographic groups and geographic areas. The Census Bureau's partnership program worked closely with national and local community, recreation, and faith-based organizations to host both in-person and virtual events within their communities. In addition, census workers left materials at households to encourage self-response.

Our Post-Enumeration Survey and Demographic Analysis estimates indicate that we may have had undercounts of certain populations, in particular the Black or African American population, the American Indian and Alaska Native population living on the reservations, the Hispanic or Latino population, and young children aged 0-4. The Census Bureau seeks input on potential new methods and techniques to reach these populations.

Full details of the 2020 Census Program can be found in the 2020 Census Operational Plan. Two vintages of this operational plan are available online at: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/plan/op-plans.html>.

The version 4.0 of the 2020 Census Operational Plan, published in early 2019, describes the mature plan for the census prior to the production phase of the 2020 Census. Version 5.0 of the 2020 Census Operational Plan provides some operational updates that summarize the as-performed state of the census operations in Chapter 5, as well as some other noteworthy schedule and pre-2020