

is estimated to average 0.42 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Affected Public: State and Tribal Agencies.

Respondent Type: Directors or Administrators of WIC state agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 38 hours.

Dated: December 21, 2011.

Audrey Rowe,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Washington, DC, on January 25–26, 2012, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Whitten Building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss finalizing the Council's 2011 annual accomplishment report, recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture, develop the 2012 plan of work, and hear public input related to urban and community forestry.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 25 and 26, 2012, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until Council business is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USDA Whitten Building, 12th and Jefferson Drive SW., Washington, DC, 20250; Phone: (202) 205-7829.

Written comments concerning this meeting should be addressed to Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 201 14th Street SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151. Comments may also be sent via email to nstremple@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (202) 690-5792.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public

inspection and copying. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to facilitate entry into the Forest Service building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Stremple, Executive Staff to the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 201 14th Street SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151, phone (202) 205-1054.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Those interested in attending should contact Nancy Stremple to be placed on the meeting attendance list. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members; however, persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff (201 14th Street SW., Yates Building (1 Central) MS-1151, Washington, DC 20250-1151, email: nstremple@fs.fed.us) before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided at the meeting.

Dated: December 20, 2011

Robin L. Thompson,

Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry.

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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: Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0143.

Form Number(s): F-10.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 300.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours Per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Over 2.7 trillion dollars in public pension assets in the financial markets are controlled by a small number of large retirement

systems. The 2007 Census of Governments identified 2,547 public retirement systems administered by state and local governments. The 100 largest systems, as measured by the system assets, account for about 90 percent of the total assets of all systems, based on the 2007 Census of Governments. The F-10 form is used to collect financial data from these 100 systems enabling policy makers and economists to follow the changing characteristics of these funds.

This survey was initiated by the U.S. Census Bureau in 1968 at the request of both the Council of Economic Advisers and the Federal Reserve Board. The most important information this survey provides is the quarterly change in composition of the securities holdings of the public retirement systems component of the economy. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to track the public sector portion of the Flow of Funds Accounts. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses these data to estimate dividends received by state and local government retirement systems that, in turn, are used in preparing the National Income and Product Accounts. Additionally, these data are a significant part of the information base needed to analyze investment trends and help in the formulation of governmental economic policies and investment decisions.

Summary tables of the information collected are released quarterly on the Internet. Documentation and explanatory materials are also available on the Internet site here: <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/qpr.html>.

The Census Bureau proposes changing the name of the survey form from the Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public Employee Retirement Systems to the Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions. The proposed change would simplify the survey name and promote the use of its data by highlighting pensions; the terminology that is most used.

A revision is being made to the section "Earnings on Investments." The statement "Net gain or loss on investments—Include both realized + unrealized gains (losses)" will be modified for added granularity and to separate realized gains and losses from unrealized gains or losses. It will be divided into three parts: (1) Realized gains on investments at book value, (2) realized losses on investments at book value, and (3) unrealized net gains (or losses) on investments at market value.

Additionally, federally sponsored agency securities including bonds and mortgage backed securities will be moved from "Corporate Bonds" to

“Federal Government Securities” in the “Cash and Investments” section. The decision to revise this classification was reached after multiple meetings with economists from the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to track the public sector portion of the Flow of Funds Accounts. It was determined that federally sponsored agency securities were better classified under Federal Government Securities instead of Corporate Bonds.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

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 6616, 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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202) 395–7245) or email (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: December 22, 2011

Glenna Mickelson,

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 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: Federal Statistical System Public Opinion Survey.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 11.667.

Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is seeking ways to reverse the decline in response rates for its ongoing surveys to

avoid both increasing operational costs and potential declines in data quality. We hypothesize that members of the public would voluntarily cooperate more extensively with federal surveys if they trust the federal statistical system and the resulting federal statistics. Therefore, we propose to collect information about public awareness and attitudes towards federal statistics and the federal statistical system. The information collected will assist the Census Bureau in addressing attitudes, beliefs, and concerns the public may have regarding its trust (confidence) in federal statistics and in the collection of statistical information by the federal government from the public, as well as attitudes toward and knowledge of the statistical uses of administrative records. The data will also allow us to understand how current events influence public perception towards federal statistics.

From February 2012 through September 2013, the Census Bureau will add 25 questions nightly onto an ongoing data collection by the Gallup organization. Approximately nineteen of the 25 questions will be core questions and approximately 6 will be available for rotation. Core questions will focus on awareness of and attitudes towards federal statistics and federal statistical agencies. There will be 1–2 core questions on attitudes towards the statistical use of administrative records. Core questions will be used to explore relationships among the concepts, develop a time series and measure any “shocks” to the system. Shocks could include any current events that may impact awareness or attitudes towards topics being measured. They may include things like data breaches (public or private sector), elections, or any unanticipated news event that may alter public perception. By having a continual data collection, we will be able to look for changes in public perception after any of these types of events occur or look for underlying causes when we see a change in the time series.

Up to 20 times during the data collection, roughly monthly, up to 6 questions may be rotated in the survey. Rotating questions will be used for three distinct purposes:

- First, experiments will be planned for questions surrounding public opinion of statistical uses of administrative records. Topics of experiments will include public perception of the quality of such records, public perception of privacy and confidentiality implications of such use, and differentiation between types of administrative records and types of

statistical uses. These experiments will be conducted using different frames around questions, varying the types of records mentioned and the methods of use in the question, willingness-to-pay/stated preference questions, and so on. These types of questions would use up to 6 questions in the nightly interview and would be fielded for a pre-specified amount of time. These experimental questions will be submitted to OMB at a later date as an addendum to this submission, although some examples are provided as illustrative examples in Attachment B.

- Second, rotating questions will be used around known, planned events to gauge awareness of those events and opinions about the relationship (if any) between those events and the federal statistical system. Examples of planned events are the presidential election, release of particular statistics, and any pre-planned public awareness activities. These types of questions would add up to 3 questions in the nightly interview and would be fielded for a limited amount of time surrounding the particular event. The particular questions will be submitted to OMB at a later date as an addendum to this submission, but would ask things like awareness of the event, and opinions about the relationship (if any) between those events and the federal statistical system.

- Third, we may wish to add rotating questions very quickly after an unanticipated event to gauge awareness of those events and opinions about the relationship (if any) between those events and the federal statistical system. These could be events like a data breach (public or private sector), political scandal, or any other unanticipated news event that may alter public perceptions. Gallup can add questions with as little as 48 hours notice. These types of questions would add up to 3 questions in the nightly interview and would be fielded for a limited amount of time surrounding the particular event. These questions would be submitted to OMB for a quick-turn-around approval and would be very limited in scope to address the particular unanticipated event.

These public opinion data will enable the Census Bureau to better understand public perceptions, which will provide guidance for communicating with the public and for future planning of data collection that reflects a good understanding of public perceptions and concerns. Because all federal statistical agencies are also facing these issues of declining response rates and increasing costs in a time of constrained budgets, the Census Bureau will share