

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau is requesting a revision of the currently approved Company Organization Survey (COS) data collection for the 2003 survey year. We will include questions on research and development activities performed by the company. We are also requesting an extension of the current expiration date to November 2004 (the existing date is November 2003) in order to complete the data collection for the 2003 COS.

The Census Bureau conducts the annual COS in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-establishment enterprises. The BR provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. The BR also provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents.

COS inquiries to each of the 55,000 multi-establishment enterprises will include questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Additional COS inquiries will apply to approximately 1.2 million establishments operated by these 55,000 enterprises. These additional inquiries will list an inventory of establishments and request updates to the inventory, including additions, deletions, and changes to Federal Employer Identification number, name and address, and industrial classification. Further, the additional inquiries will collect the following basic operating data for each listed establishment: end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 182, 195, 224, and 225.

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).

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: August 13, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended by Pub. L. 94-409), the U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations (The Committee). The Committee will address issues regarding Census Bureau programs and activities related to their areas of expertise. Members will address policy, research, and technical issues related to the 2010 decennial census, including the American Community Survey and related programs. The Committee also will discuss the 2002 Economic Census and other economic initiatives, as well as issues pertaining to marketing services, language, and data products. Last-minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: The meeting will convene on October 23-24, 2003. On October 23, the meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. On October 24, the meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3627, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233. Her telephone number is (301) 763-2070, TDD (301)-457-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations is composed of 36 members, appointed by the presidents of the American Economic Association, the American Statistical Association, and the Population Association of America, and the chairperson of the Board of the American Marketing Association. The Committee addresses issues regarding Census Bureau programs and activities related to their respective areas of expertise.

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comment and questions. Those persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing, at least three days before the meeting, to the Committee Liaison Officer named above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer.

Dated: August 13, 2003.

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Deputy Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by Islander East Pipeline Company From an Objection by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

ACTION: Notice of recommencement of appeal proceedings; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice: (1) Announces the resumption of processing of Islander East's administrative appeal (Consistency Appeal of Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C.) by the Department of Commerce; (2) reopens the period for the public to comment on