

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following products and services are added to the Procurement List:

Products

Product/NSN: Sunscreen Preparation, Gel or Lotion/6505-01-121-2336.
NPA: ACT CORP., Daytona Beach, FL.
Contract Activity: Defense Supply Center—Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

Product/NSN: Refillable Tape Dispenser with Tape/7520-00-NIB-1402.

Product/NSN: Refillable Tape Dispenser with Tape/7520-00-NIB-1516.
NPA: The Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.
Contract Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Commodity Center, New York, NY.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System/8415-00-NSH-0622.
NPA: Chautauqua County Chapter, NYSARC, Jamestown, NY.
Contract Activity: U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0600.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0601.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0602.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0603.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0604.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0605.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0606.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0607.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0608.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0609.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0611.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0612.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0613.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0614.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0615.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0616.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0617.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0618.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0619.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0620.

Product/NSN: Load Carriage System Pockets/8415-00-NSH-0621.

NPA: Chautauqua County Chapter, NYSARC, Jamestown, NY.

Contract Activity: U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center.

Services

Service Type/Location: Food Service Attendant/Mississippi Air National Guard Building 129, Dining Facility, Jackson, MS.
NPA: Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Ridgeland, MS.
Contract Activity: Mississippi Air National Guard, Jackson, MS.

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial/U.S. Coast Guard Air Station—Detroit Selfridge ANG Base, MI.
NPA: New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Auburn Hills, MI.
Contract Activity: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial/U.S. Army Reserve Center, Whitehall, OH.
NPA: Licking-Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc., Newark, OH.
Contract Activity: U.S. Army Reserve Center, Fort Snelling, MN.

Service Type/Location: Office Supply Store/Federal Building, Little Rock, AR.
NPA: The Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind, Little Rock, AR.
Contract Activity: GSA, Public Buildings Service.

Service Type/Location: Office Supply Store/VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA.
NPA: Associated Industries for the Blind, Milwaukee, WI.
Contract Activity: VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA.

Service Type/Location: Order Processing Service/National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD.
NPA: Blind Industries & Services of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.
Contract Activity: Department of Health & Human Services.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public-Employee Retirement Systems; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 August 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David Kellerman, Chief, Finance Branch, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-6800, 301-457-1502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of the Office of Management and Budget approval for the Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public-Employee Retirement Systems. This 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. In those instances when we are not able to obtain a response, estimates are made for nonrespondents by using historical data for the same system or the latest available annual data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0143.

Form Number: F-10.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$6,828.

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: June 3, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Census 2003 Test; Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Suzanne Fratino, U.S. Census Bureau, Building 2, Room 2021, Washington, DC 20233-9200, 301-457-4134.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**I. Abstract**

In Census 2000, the Census Bureau conducted four separate tests examining innovative ideas. One of these "experiments" was the Response Mode and Incentive Experiment (RMIE). RMIE attempted to measure the extent to which respondents choose to use electronic response options including Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), Interactive Voice Response (IVR), and Internet. Preliminary findings from the RMIE initial mailout component and Operator Assistance indicate that Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing does not offer clear advantages relative to the Internet in terms of increasing the overall response rate. The IVR mode showed promise but requires additional design work while the Internet mode yielded relatively high data quality. One major recommendation resulting from the RMIE was to investigate the best ways to present the availability of response options, and how to word messages included with the mailed questionnaire. To take advantage of evolving technology, the Census Bureau needs to research various self-response options toward developing a strategy that encourages the public to respond to the census using either paper or electronic options before Nonresponse Follow-up (NRFU) occurs. The method and optimum timing to contact, inform and, remind the public should be included.

The Census Bureau is planning a two-part test in 2003. The first part will examine the impact of offering various self-response options and the interactions among various options on overall response rates and data quality. These options include mail, Internet, Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR), and a combination of Internet and IVR. This test is also designed to address questions about the relative timing and content of various contacts. We hope to

answer the following questions: (1) What is the effect of offering alternative data collection modes on response (i.e. increase, decrease, shift)? and (2) what is the effect of new or additional contact strategies on overall response?

The goal of this portion of the test is to identify, for further testing in 2004, the best strategy for increasing self-enumerated response to the census thus reducing the NRFU workload. Successful accomplishment of this goal will greatly improve the data quality of Census 2010 while reducing the cost of data collection.

The second part of the Census 2003 Test will assess the effects of dropping the "Some other race" response option. This test is designed to answer whether item nonresponse to the race question will increase if the "Some other race" response option with a write-in line is deleted, and what effect this will have on the overall quality of race reporting. In past decennial censuses, the Census Bureau has received an exception from the Office of Management and Budget which allowed it to include a "Some other race" category. This category is a source of noncomparability between the census and surveys and race data produced by other agencies. The purpose of this test is to develop and evaluate a mailout version of the race question that conforms to OMB standards by excluding the "Some other race" category. It will also measure the effectiveness of revised instructions for the Hispanic origin and race questions to convey to respondents the intent of the questions; more specifically that different responses are being requested in each of these questions. In addition, revisions to the Hispanic origin question, including the addition of examples of Hispanic groups to obtain more complete reporting of detailed Hispanic subgroups are to be tested. Examples for the Other Asian and the Other Pacific Islander response categories to the question on race also will be included. It is desirable to assess the feasibility of these changes to the questions on race and Hispanic origin so that alternatives can be developed and tested in a timely way before final question versions are adopted. The Census Bureau plans to conduct multiple rounds of cognitive testing to identify problems and revise question wordings and instructions before finalizing them for this test.

The goal of the race and Hispanic origin portion of the test is to develop question wording and content that will lead to improved self-reporting of both race and Hispanic origin in the census.