

provides committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Please submit nominations by February 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Ms. Jeri Green, Chief, Census Advisory Committees Office, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Room 3627, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, or by fax to (301) 457-8608.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeri Green, Chief, Census Advisory Committee Office, at the above address or by telephone at (301) 763-2070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2) in 2000. The following provides information about the Committee, membership, and the nomination process.

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander communities and the Census Bureau. Committee members identify useful strategies to reduce the differential undercount for the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander populations and ways data can be disseminated for maximum usefulness to the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander populations.

2. The Committee draws upon prior decennial planning efforts, research studies, test censuses, and other experiences to provide advice and recommendations for the 2010 census, the American Community Survey, and related decennial programs.

3. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Committee reports to the Director of the Census Bureau.

Membership

1. Members are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce.

2. Members are appointed to the nine-member Committee for a period of three years. Members will be reevaluated at the conclusion of the three-year term with the prospect of renewal, pending Advisory Committee needs and the Secretary's concurrence. Committee members are selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines. The Committee aims to have a balanced representation, considering such factors as geography, gender, technical expertise, community

involvement, and knowledge of census procedures and activities. The Committee aims to include members from diverse backgrounds, including State and local governments, academia, media, research, community-based organizations, and the private sector. No employee of the Federal government can serve as a member of the Committee. Meeting attendance and active participation in the activities of the Advisory Committee are essential for sustained Committee membership.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee serve without compensation, but receive reimbursement for Committee-related travel and lodging expenses.

2. The Committee meets at least once a year, budget permitting, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Census Bureau Director or Designated Federal Official. All Committee meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Nomination Information

1. Nominations are requested as described above.

2. Nominees should have expertise and knowledge of the cultural patterns and issues and/or data needs of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander communities. Such knowledge and expertise are needed to provide advice and recommendations to the Census Bureau on how best to enumerate the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander populations and obtain complete and accurate data on these populations. Individuals, groups, or organizations may submit nominations on behalf of a potential candidate. A summary of the candidate's qualifications (résumé or curriculum vitae) *must* be included with the nomination letter. Nominees must have the ability to participate in Advisory Committee meetings and tasks. Besides Committee meetings, active participation may include Committee assignments and participation in conference calls and working groups.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks diverse Committee membership.

Dated: January 15, 2004.

Charles Louis Kincannon,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Census Advisory Committee on the Hispanic Population

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 United States Code (U.S.C.) Appendix 2, section 10(a)(b)), the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) requests nominations of individuals to the Census Advisory Committee on the Hispanic Population. The Census Bureau will consider nominations received in response to this request for nominations, as well as from other sources. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

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Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between Hispanic communities and the Census Bureau. Committee members identify useful strategies to reduce the differential undercount for the Hispanic population and ways data can be disseminated for maximum usefulness to the Hispanic population.

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Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 040107006-4006-01]

Request for Comments on Deployment of Internet Protocol, Version 6

AGENCIES: National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The President's National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace directed the Secretary of Commerce to form a task force to examine the issues implicated by the deployment of Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) in the United States. As co-chairs of that task force, the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) invite interested parties to comment on a variety of IPv6-related issues including: (1) The benefits and possible uses of IPv6; (2) current domestic and international conditions regarding the deployment of IPv6; (3) economic, technical and other barriers to deployment of IPv6; and (4) the appropriate role for the U.S. government in the deployment of IPv6. Comments should be submitted on paper and, where possible, in electronic form as well. All comments submitted in response to this Notice will be posted on the NTIA Web site.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments no later than March 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of Policy Analysis and

Development, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Room 4725, Attention: Internet Protocol, Version 6 Proceeding, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230. Parties should submit an original and five (5) copies. Where possible, parties should include a diskette or compact disk in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version) or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format. Diskettes or compact disks should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. In the alternative to a diskette or compact disk, comments may be submitted electronically to the following electronic mail address: IPv6@ntia.doc.gov. Comments submitted via electronic mail should also be submitted in one or more of the formats specified above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alfred Lee, Office of Policy Analysis and Development, at (202) 482-1880. Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, at (202) 482-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. The Internet Protocol

The Internet Protocol (IP) is a technical standard that enables computers and other devices to communicate with each other over networks, many of which interconnect to form the Internet. By providing a common format for the transmission of information across the Internet, IP facilitates communication among a variety of disparate networks and devices. This ability to communicate with a single, widely accepted format has been a key to the rapid growth and success of the Internet.¹

The current generation of IP, version 4 (IPv4), has been in use for more than twenty years, and has supported the Internet's phenomenal growth over the last decade. A variety of stakeholders, through the guiding efforts of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), have developed a newer version of IP, known as IPv6, which has several advantages over IPv4, including the availability of many more Internet

¹ See, e.g., Barry M. Leiner, et al., "A Brief History of the Internet," <http://www.isoc.org/internet/history/brief.shtml>. This document describes the development of the Internet and explicitly describes the original decision to use IP in a widespread manner. See <http://www.isc.org/ds/host-count-history.html> for statistics on the rapid growth of Internet hosts.