

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 117,800 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 77,000.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Bureau of the Census conducts the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to collect information from a sample of households concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits. SIPP data are used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare and transfer payment programs such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP is a longitudinal survey, in that households in the panel are interviewed 12 times at 4 month intervals or 'waves' over the life of the panel, making the duration of the panel about 4 years. The next panel of households will be introduced in the year 2000. The survey is molded around a central core of labor force and income questions, health insurance questions, and questions concerning government program participation that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core questions are asked at Wave 1 and are updated during subsequent interviews. The core is periodically supplemented with additional questions or topical modules designed to answer specific needs. This request is for clearance of the topical modules to be asked during Wave 4 of the 1996 Panel. The Core questions have already been cleared. Topical modules for waves 5 through 12 will be cleared later. The topical modules for Wave 4 are: 1) Annual Income and Retirement Accounts. 2) Taxes, 3) Work Schedule, 4) Child Care, and 5) Disability. Wave 4 interviews will be conducted from April through July 1997.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Every 4 months.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 31, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## Bureau of the Census

### Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions

**ACTION:** Proposed agency information collection activity; 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 January 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Linda P. Hoyle, Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2105, FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 457-1321.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Bureau of the Census conducts the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions, also known as the Survey of Construction (SOC), to collect monthly data on new residential construction from a sample of owners or builders. The data collected includes starts and completions dates of construction, physical characteristics of the structure (floor area, number of bathrooms, type of heating system, etc.), and if applicable, date of sale, sales price, and type of financing. The SOC program provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts,

Housing Completions, and New Housing Sales.

Currently, Census Bureau Field Representatives (FRs) mail forms SOC-900.1 and SOC-900A.1, which are facsimiles of the data collection forms, to respondents. The FR then uses paper forms SOC-900 and SOC-900A to record respondents' answers during a later telephone or personal interview.

After July 1997, FRs will collect the data using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI). We have been experimenting with CAPI and have been using this technology on a test basis since November 1995. For CAPI, we will replace the SOC-900.1 and SOC-900A.1 forms with the SOC-QI/SF.1 and SOC-QI/MF.1 forms. We will also replace the SOC-900 and SOC-900A data collection forms with electronic versions. The new data collection forms and the facsimiles mailed to respondents' are virtually the same as the old forms.

The use of CAPI will not affect respondent burden. We are, however, requesting a reduction in burden of 42 hours. This reduction is attributable to our completion of a test of CAPI procedures using 200 test cases which we obtained approval for under this clearance in 1994.

##### II. Method of Collection

The Bureau of the Census uses its FRs to collect the data. The FRs mail a letter with a facsimile of the survey form to owners or builders. The letter tells the owners or builders to retain the form for use when the FR telephones or visits them within a few days. If the FR is unable to conduct an interview, she/he will try to get some information by visiting the construction site. After July 1997, the FRs will collect the data using CAPI.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0110.

*Form Number:* SOC-900, 900.1, 900A, 900A.1, SOC-QI/SR.1, SOC-QI/MF.1.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,800.

*Estimated Responses Per Respondent:* 3.38.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .209 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,807.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The total cost in fiscal year 1996 is \$3,686,200 of which \$1,765,000 is borne by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and \$1,921,200 is borne by the Bureau of the Census.

Based on information available from our 1992 Census of Construction Industries and the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1996–1997 Edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, “Construction managers,” we estimate the average hourly pay for respondents to be \$24.25. Therefore the total cost to the respondents is \$116,570.

*Respondent's obligation:* Voluntary.

Legal authority: Title 13 USC, 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: October 25, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,  
*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance  
Officer, Office of Management and  
Organization.*

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### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### Survey of Institutional Remittances to Foreign Countries—BE-40; Proposed Collection; Comment Requested

**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 January 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW,

Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482–3272.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Michael Mann, Chief, Current Account Services Branch, Room 8018, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 606–9573; and fax: (202) 606–5314.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Bureau of Economic Analysis is responsible for the computation and publication of the U.S. balance of payments accounts. The information collected in this survey is an integral part of the “private remittances” portion of the U.S. balance of payments accounts. The balance of payments accounts, which are published quarterly in the Bureau's monthly publication, the *Survey of Current Business*, are one of the major statistical products of BEA. The accounts provide a statistical summary of U.S. international transactions. They are used by government and private organizations for national and international policy formulation, and analytical studies. Without the information collected in this survey, an integral component of the private remittances account would be omitted. No other Government agency collects comprehensive annual data on private unilateral transfers of funds and commodities to foreign countries.

The survey requests information from U.S. religious, charitable, educational, scientific, and similar non-profit organizations on the transfer of gifts, grants, donations, etc., to foreign countries. Information is collected on a quarterly basis from institutions transferring \$1 million or more each year, and annually for all others. Nonprofit organizations with total remittances of less than \$25,000 annually are exempt from reporting.

##### II. Method of Collection

Information is obtained from U.S. religious, charitable, educational, scientific, and similar non-profit organizations who voluntarily agree to provide data regarding transfers of gifts, grants, and/or donations to foreign countries. Submission of the completed report form, or computer printouts in the format of the report form, are the most expedient and economical methods of reporting the information.

#### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0608–0002.

*Form Number:* BE–40.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* U.S. religious, charitable, educational, scientific, and similar non-profit organizations which transfer gifts, grants, and/or donations to foreign countries.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 382.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1.5 hours per annual reporter; 6.0 hours per quarterly reporter.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,212 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The estimated annual cost to the government is \$16,000. The estimated annual cost to the public is \$36,360 based on total number of hours estimated as the reporting burden and an estimated hourly cost of \$30.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Bretton Woods Agreement Act, Section 8, and E.O. 10033, as amended.

#### 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 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: October 30, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,  
*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance  
Officer, Office of Management and  
Organization.*

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