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Washington, DC 20250-3604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the October 1, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 52678), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Plainview, Barton, and North Dakota to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 30, 1998. Plainview, Barton, and North Dakota, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Plainview, Barton, and North Dakota were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Plainview, Barton, and North Dakota are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied.

Effective June 1, 1999, and ending March 31, 2002, Plainview is designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the October 1, 1998, **Federal Register**. Effective July 1, 1999, and ending March 31, 2002, Barton and North Dakota are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the October 1, 1998, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Plainview at 806-293-1364, Barton at 502-683-0616, and North Dakota at 701-293-7420.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

Dated: February 22, 1998.

**Neil E. Porter,**

*Director, Compliance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Statistics Service

#### Notice of Intent to Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection, the Agricultural Labor Survey.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 7, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Agricultural Labor Survey.

*OMB Number:* 0535-0109.

*Expiration Date of Approval:*  
September 30, 1999.

*Type of Request:* Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Agricultural Labor Survey provides statistics on the number of agricultural workers, hours worked, and wage rates. Number of workers and hours worked are used to estimate agricultural productivity. Wage rates are used in the administration of the "H-2A" Program and for setting Adverse Effect Wage Rates. Agricultural Labor Survey data are also used to carry out provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act. The Agricultural Labor Surveys has approval from OMB for a 3-year period. NASS intends to request that the survey be approved for another 3 years. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Farms and businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
12,900.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 11,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

#### 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, January 27, 1999.

**Rich Allen,**

*Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.*

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## BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, 1999.

**PLACE:** U.S. Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20150.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Review and approval of the minutes of the March 18th, 1998 Board of Trustees meeting.

2. Report on financial status of the Foundation fund:

A. Review of investment policy and current portfolio.

3. Report on results of Scholarship Review Panel:

- A. Discussion and consideration of scholarship candidates.
- B. Selection of Goldwater Scholars.
- 4. Other Business brought before the Board of Trustees.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Gerald J. Smith, President, Telephone:  
(703) 756-6012.

**Gerald J. Smith,**  
President.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* Informal Caregivers Survey (ICS)—Component of the Long Term Care Survey (LTC).

*Form Number(s):* LTC-1, LTC-2, LTC-3, LTC-4, LTC-7, LTC-10, BNL-1, LTC-9P(L1), LTC-9(1), LTC-9(L2), LTC-9(3).

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0778.

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

*Burden:* 11,731 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 22,985.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau seeks OMB approval to conduct the Informal Caregivers Survey (ICS) as a component of the Long Term Care Survey (LTC) which is already approved by OMB. The LTC collects information on the health and functional status of the elderly population in the United States. The ICS will collect information from the persons who provide help to impaired LTC respondents concerning the type and amount of care given, the caregiver's functional and health status, whether the caregiver is paid, and the caregiver's relation to the impaired person. Results of the ICS will provide planners with information to determine how to meet the future health care needs of people 65 years old and over.

The ICS is sponsored by the Center for Demographic Studies, Duke University, with funding from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Institute on Aging. The Census Bureau will conduct the ICS under contract with Duke University.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 42, USC, Section 285e-1, and Title 15, USC, Section 1525.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 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 Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census 2000 Test Program

**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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 Randall Neugebauer, Bureau of the Census, Room BH104-2, Washington, DC 20233; (301) 457-3952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to test several methodologies, techniques, and strategies in a "census environment." It is important to examine innovative ideas in the environment for which they are intended to accurately measure effectiveness and feasibility. The Census Bureau plans four separate tests—which are referred to as experiments because they must be done in a census environment. They are referred to as the Alternative Questionnaire and Mail Treatment (AQMT) experiment, the Administrative Records Census in 2000 Experiment (AREX2000), the Social Security Number [SSN], Privacy Attitudes, and Notification (SPAN) experiment, and the Response Mode and Incentive Experiment (RMIE).

#### *Alternative Questionnaire and Mail Treatment (AQMT) Experiment*

Objectives of the AQMT are to continue efforts to develop a user friendly mailout questionnaire that can be accurately completed by respondents and to continue examination of methods to increase mail response in a census environment. The design of the residency rules, structure of the short form (booklet versus bifold), and navigation instructions (intended to assist the respondent through the questionnaire accurately) are examined in the AQMT. The AQMT comprises nine panels with a mailout size of 5,000 each. The households are selected randomly at the national level. Respondents will receive one of three short experimental forms or one of four long experimental forms instead of the standard census form.

The success of the experimental forms will be determined by the analysis of various statistics calculated from the experimental forms and compared to the similar data from "control" forms (i.e., data from census forms that exclude the experimental factors). The statistics include mail response rate, data item nonresponse rates, "correctness" of the count of household members question, and the rate at which respondents incorrectly skip questions that they should answer.

#### *Administrative Records Census in 2000 Experiment (AREX2000)*

The principle objective of this experiment is to simulate an administrative records census for selected test areas and to compare the results and costs to Census 2000. An administrative records census is defined as a census that uses administrative records as its primary data collection method and that provides content and