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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on April 21, 1999 in North Bend, Oregon at the Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management Office at 1300 Airport Lane. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Clear Water Act requirements; (2) Critique of February 23 PAC meeting; (3) Update on River Basin watershed restoration strategy; (4) Public comment; and (5) Current issues as perceived by Advisory Committee members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone (541) (858-2322).

Dated: March 29, 1999.

Charles J. Anderson,
Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Invitation for Nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation of nomination for Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces an invitation from the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture for nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

Effective October 1, 1996, responsibility for the census of agriculture program was transferred to USDA. Responsibility for the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics was transferred from the Department of Commerce to USDA when the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) received funding and responsibility for the census of agriculture beginning in fiscal year 1997. The reestablishment of this Committee is in the public interest in accordance with the duties the law imposes on USDA.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing, content, etc. of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of information to obtain from respondents concerning agriculture. The Committee also prepares recommendations regarding the content of agriculture reports and presents the views and needs for data for major suppliers and users of agriculture statistics.

The Committee draws on the experience and expertise of its members to form a collective judgment concerning agriculture data collected and the statistics issued by NASS. This input is vital to keep current with shifting data needs in the rapidly changing agricultural environment and keep NASS informed of emerging developments and issues in the agriculture community that can affect agricultural statistics activities.

The Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, shall consist of 25 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests, including, but not limited to, representatives of national farm organizations, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, State agriculture representatives, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts.

Terms of membership on the Committee will be staggered every 2 years. Initially, approximately one-half of the members selected by the Secretary in this, the first Advisory

Committed on Agriculture selection process, will service a 1-year term and the other half a 2-year term. Members selected after this year will serve a full 2-year term. The Chairperson of the Committed shall be selected by members to serve a 1-year term.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Persons nominated for the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics will be required to complete and submit an Advisory Committee Membership Background Information questionnaire.

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture with regards to the agricultural statistics program of NASS, and such other matters as it may deem advisable, or which the Secretary of Agriculture, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, or the Administrator of NASS may request. The Committee will meet at least annually. All meetings are open to the public. Committee members will be reimbursed for official travel expenses only.

DATES: Nominations must be received by May 6, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

Nominations, Additional Information, or Comments

Nominations should include the following information: name, title, address, telephone number, and organization, and should be e-mailed to hq_aa@nass.usda.gov, faxed to (202) 720-9013, OR telephoned to Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, NASS, at (202) 720-4333. Each person nominated is required to complete an Advisory Committee Membership Information questionnaire. This form may be requested by telephone, fax, or e-mail using the information above. Forms are also available on the Internet through the "Agency Information," "Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics" options of the NASS Home Page at

http://www.usda.gov/nass. Completed questionnaires may be faxed to the number above, mailed, or completed and e-mailed directly from the Internet side.

All mailed correspondence should be sent to 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.

Send questions, comments, and requests for additional information to the e-mail address, fax number, or address listed above.

Signed at Washington, DC, March 31, 1999.

Donald M. Bay,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, April 16, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, N.W., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS: .

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 1999 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. "Equal Educational Opportunity and Nondiscrimination for Minority Students: Federal Enforcement of Title VI in Ability Grouping Practices" Report
- VI. State Advisory Reports
 - "Civil Rights Issues Facing the Blind and Visually Impaired in Illinois" Report
 - "Police Protection of the African American Community in Chicago: An Update" (Illinois)
- VII. Future Agenda Items

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: David Aronson, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312.

Stephanie Y. Moore,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Survey of U.S. Chemical Industry to Assist in Compliance Activities Regarding Certain Provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-New.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 50 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 100 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The Chemical Weapons Convention is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons. This collection of information is necessary in order to assist efforts by U.S. government officials to ensure that the U.S. is and will be in compliance with certain provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Treaty.

Affected Public: Federal government, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: March 31, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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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: Census 2000 Maritime Enumeration.

Form Number(s): D-34, D-47.

Agency Approval Number: Not available.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 66 hours.

Number of Respondents: 810.

Avg Hours Per Response: D-34—2 minutes, D-47—5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Planning is currently underway for the Census 2000, which the Census Bureau will conduct on April 1, 2000. The Census Bureau must provide everyone in the United States and Outlying Areas the opportunity to be counted in the Census 2000, including persons on U.S. flag oceangoing vessels.

Based on addresses provided by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) and other contacts, the Census Bureau will mail enumeration packages, which include multiple copies of Form D-23, "Shipboard Census Report" (SCR) to U.S. flag maritime ship current operators, who will forward the census materials to the ship's captains/masters, who will in turn distribute the SCRs to the ship's officers, crew, and passengers for completion. (The SCR is cleared separately under OMB approval number 0607-0856.) This request is for clearance of Forms D-34, "Census 2000 Information for American Flag Vessels" and D-47, "Census 2000 Location Report for American Flag Vessels." These forms will be used in the administration of the enumeration of the U.S. shipboard population. Each current operator is asked to complete Form D-34 if he/she needs additional enumeration materials for other vessels. Each ship's captain/master will complete Form D-47 to note the ship's location.

The Census Bureau uses the information on Form D-34 to supplement our mailing list for maritime vessels. We use the information on Form D-47 to correctly assign individuals aboard ship who report the vessel as their usual residence to the appropriate geographic area associated with the ship.