

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the South Auditorium (4th level, 2nd Avenue Entrance) of the Henry Jackson Federal Building, 2nd Avenue and Madison Street, Seattle, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Beatty, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 19 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail address: pvaac@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site at <http://www.access-board.gov/notices/pvaacmtg.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) established a Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (committee) to assist the Board in developing proposed accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. 63 FR 43136 (August 12, 1998). The committee is composed of owners and operators of various passenger vessels; persons who design passenger vessels; organizations representing individuals with disabilities; and other individuals affected by the Board's guidelines.

The committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. The meeting is open to the public. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or real-time captioning systems should contact Paul Beatty by July 9, 1999.

Optional Vessel Tours

In addition to the meeting, optional vessel tours are planned for the committee on July 20 in Seattle and July 24 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The tours are open to the public on a first-come-first-served basis. In some cases, a fare is charged to ride the vessel. The degree of access varies between vessels. Individuals desiring to participate in the July 24th tour must contact Paul Beatty by July 7, 1999, to be listed on the security access list. For further information on these tours, please contact Paul Beatty.

Lawrence W. Roffee,
Executive Director.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

June 9, 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 54th Meeting in Boulder, CO on July 7 and 8, 1999.

The Meeting will be held at the Institute for Arctic and Alpine Research at the University of Colorado and will convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday the 7th and 9:00 AM on Thursday the 8th.

Topics for the meeting include Federal and State Agency reports, Congressional liaison reports and a series of briefings on the NOAA Data Centers, the National Ice Core Repository and the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Any person planning to attend the meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters must inform the Commission in advance of those needs.

Contact Persons for More Information: Dr. Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director, Arctic Research Commission, 703-525-0111 or TDD 703-306-0090.

Garrett W. Brass,
Executive Director.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.
Title: Housing Vacancy Survey.
Form Number(s): None (computerized survey instrument).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0179.

Type of Request: Extension of the expiration date of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,880 hours.
Number of Respondents: 4,800.
Avg. Hours Per Response: 3 minutes.
Needs and Uses: The Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS) provides quarterly and annual statistics on rental vacancy rates and homeownership rates for the United States, the 4 census regions, inside vs. outside Metropolitan Areas (MAs), the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the 75 largest MAs. HVS data are collected for a sample of

vacant housing units identified in the Current Population Survey. Information is collected from homeowners, realtors, landlords, rental agents, neighbors or other knowledgeable persons.

Private and public sector organizations use these rates extensively to gauge and analyze the housing market with regard to supply, cost, and affordability at various points in time. In addition, the rental vacancy rate is a component of the leading economic indicators, published by the Department of Commerce.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

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 5033, 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 Linda Hutton, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 16, 1999.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, 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: U.S. Census Bureau.
Title: Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey.

Form Number(s): B-101(97)S, B-101(97)B, B-111(97)S, B-111(97)B, B-111(97)L, B-113(97)I, B-113(97)L, B-114(97).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0717.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 13,875 hours.

Number of Respondents: 8,807.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 7.9 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey provides estimates of monthly sales and end-of-month merchandise inventories for retail stores in the United States by selected kinds of business. Sales and inventory data provide a current statistical picture of the retail portion of consumer activity. Monthly estimates of changes in sales and the value and levels of inventory are used by government and non-government analysts in gauging economic trends and formulating economic policy. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses this information to prepare the National Income and Products Accounts and to benchmark the annual input-output tables. Statistics provided from the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey are used to calculate the gross domestic product (GDP).

We currently publish retail sales and inventory estimates on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) basis. Starting in the spring of 2001, we will publish on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Additionally, we are planning to add two new questions concerning Internet sales starting in FY 2000. We are also converting our monthly pin fed report forms to a print-on demand system referred to as DocuPrint.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

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Dated: June 16, 1999.

Madeleine Clayton,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committees on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and the Hispanic Population

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), we are giving notice of a joint meeting followed by separate and concurrently held meetings of the Census Advisory Committees (CACs) on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and the Hispanic Population. The Supplementary Information section for this notice provides information about the agenda for this meeting.

DATES: July 15-16, 1999. The July 15 meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. The July 16 meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, and they could prevent us from providing advance notice.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 1647, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the July 15 and 16 combined meetings will include discussions on (1) Introductory remarks and update; (2) Editing and Tabulation of Census 2000 Data on Race and Hispanic Origin; (3) Update on Census 2000 Operational Plan; (4) Update on Census 2000 Field Operations; (5) Update on Accuracy, Coverage, and Evaluation Survey; and (6) Dress Rehearsal Evaluations.

The four committees will meet separately and concurrently for sessions on both July 15 and 16. The Joint Committee meeting will break for the concurrent meetings.

The agenda for the CAC on the African American Population will include: (1) The review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) update on Census Information Centers;

(3) update on posters; and (4) a review of topics for the next day discussions.

The agenda for the CAC on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations will include: (1) The review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) update on Census Information Centers; (3) update on advertising campaign; (4) update on sampling and estimation procedures; and (5) a review of topics for the next day discussions.

The agenda for the CAC on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations will include: (1) The review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) an update on Hawaiian Homelands; (3) update on Census Information Centers; (4) update on recruitment and hiring; (5) update on the language program; and (6) a review of topics for the next day discussions.

The agenda for the CAC on the Hispanic Population will include: (1) the review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) update on Census Information Centers; (3) update on recruitment and hiring; (4) update on the language program; and (5) a review of topics for the next day discussions.

On July 16, each of the four Committees will also address draft recommendations.

The CACs on the African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Hispanic Populations are comprised of 9 members each, and the Asian and Pacific Islander Committee is comprised of 13 members distributed between two subcommittees—The Asian Subcommittee consisting of 8 members and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Subcommittee consisting of 5 members. The Secretary of Commerce appoints the members. The Committees provide a channel of communication between the representative communities and the Bureau of the Census. They assist the Bureau in its efforts to reduce the count differential for Census 2000 and advise on ways that census data can best be disseminated to communities and other users.

The Committees will provide advice and recommendations for the implementation and evaluation phases of Census 2000. To do so, they will draw on several items including past experience with the 1990 census process and procedures, the results of evaluations and research studies, and the expertise and insight of their members.

All meetings are open to the public, and a brief period will be set aside on July 16 for public comment and questions. Individuals with extensive