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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project consists of the construction of a 496 megawatt combined cycle electric generation plant in Covington County, Alabama. The preferred site for the plant is adjacent to Alabama Electric Cooperative's McWilliams electric generating plant located in Gantt, Alabama. Associated with the plant will be approximately 18.6 miles of 230 kilovolt transmission line from the proposed plant to Opp, Alabama, and approximately 60 miles of natural gas pipeline from the proposed plant to Flomaton, Alabama. The natural gas pipeline to be constructed and owned by Southeast Alabama Gas District, will traverse Covington, Conecuh, and Escambia Counties, all of which are in Alabama. Alternative sites for the plant location were considered near Alabama Electric Cooperative's Lowman Plant at Leroy in Washington County, Alabama, and at a site in Damascus/Teddy area in Escambia County, Alabama. Three electric transmission line routes and three natural gas pipeline routes were considered.

Alabama Electric Cooperative prepared an environmental report for RUS, which describes the project and assesses its potential environmental impacts. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental report, assisted in its completion, and accepted it as the agency's environmental assessment. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction and operation of the project.

The environmental assessment can be reviewed at the Andalusia Public Library, South Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama; the White Smith Memorial Library, 213 College Ave., Jackson, Alabama; the Brewton Public Library, 206 Jackson Street, Brewton, Alabama; the headquarters of Alabama Electric Cooperative at the address provided above, or the headquarters of RUS, at the address provided above.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for at least 35 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of

environmental review procedures as prescribed by RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR Part 1794.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

Mark S. Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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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 of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Participation Agreement and Trade Mission Application.

Agency Form Number: ITA-4008P.

OMB Number: 0625-0147.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 2,792 hours.

Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 20 minutes-70 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The ITA-4008P, "Participation Agreement," is the vehicle by which individual firms agree to participate in any of ITA's trade promotion program, and record their required participation fee to the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC). Together with the relevant ITA-4008P-A, "Conditions of Participation," it forms a contract between the individual firm and the DOC. The ITA-4008P-1, "Trade Mission Application," is used to solicit information from firms seeking to participate in DOC overseas trade missions covered by the Statement of Policy Governing Overseas Trade Missions of the Department of Commerce issued by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997. Trade Mission participants will be required to complete the Forms ITA-4008P, ITA-4008P-1, and ITA-4008P-A. Other DOC trade event participants will complete Forms ITA-4008P and ITA-4008P-A.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Department

Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Email LEngelme@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 16, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Evaluation of the Census 2000 Partnership 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sherri Norris, Bureau of the Census, Room BH-120-2, Washington, DC 20233; (301) 457-8081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census 2000 Partnership Program works to establish partnerships with state, local and tribal governments; private industry; local governments and community groups. The goal is to increase the awareness of the census and to increase response rates,

especially among historically undercounted populations.

The program has both a national and a regional focus. On the national level, the program is designed to implement promotional activities that may be sponsored and/or supported by national/umbrella government and nongovernmental organizations. In addition, the Census Bureau will partner with Fortune 500 companies to promote the importance of the census through the services and products they provide.

The regional partnership program reflects the Census Bureau's belief that the foundation for broad-based participation in the census must be built at the community level. Its primary purpose is to establish partnerships with state, local, and tribal governments; community organizations; businesses and the media.

The partnership program is a means to encourage mail response by those people who are not persuaded by direct mail, advertising or other methods. It complements these other methods by spreading information about the census, by assuring people that it is okay to participate and by providing help if needed.

For the evaluation, a contractor will be hired to conduct the data collection. Self-administered mail questionnaires will be sent to a sample of Census 2000 partners. The questionnaire will ask the partners about the activities performed for the Census 2000 Partnership Program, about the materials they received, and about their recommendations for improving the Program. The results will be used to evaluate the program, for 2010 planning purposes and to improve future census operations.

II. Method of Collection

Mailed self-administered questionnaire with appropriate follow-up reminders.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: Forthcoming.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, representatives of the Census 2000 partnership organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time taken to complete the survey.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

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: December 16, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Evaluation of the Census 2000 Census in Schools 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should

be directed to Sherri Norris, Bureau of the Census, Room BH-120-2, Washington, DC 20233; (301) 457-8081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census in Schools Program provides teachers with interactive, engaging, and colorful lesson plans that meet national and state curriculum standards and that: help students understand the importance and benefits of the census; promote awareness and encourage greater participation in the census; and strive to increase the mailback response rate for the census.

Census in Schools materials have been made available to schools nationwide. This includes a Spring 1999 mailing to all teachers in the 40 percent of the nation's schools in the hardest to enumerate areas, and a Fall 1999 mailing to the principals and selected school officials in the remaining 60 percent of schools.

For the evaluation, a contractor will be hired to conduct the data collection. Self-administered mail questionnaires will be sent to a sample of teachers and principals in the United States. The questionnaire will ask the teachers and principals about their involvement in Census in Schools, about the materials they may have received, and about their recommendations for improving the Program. The results will be used to evaluate the program, for 2010 planning purposes and to improve future census operations.

II. Method of Collection

Mailed self-administered questionnaire with appropriate follow-up reminders.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: Forthcoming.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, K-12 school teachers and principals in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 667.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time taken to complete the survey.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance