

government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic-policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983 permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The 2004 panel is currently scheduled for 4 years and will include 12 waves of interviewing, which began in February 2004. Approximately 62,000 households were selected for the 2004 panel, of which, 46,500 are expected to be interviewed. We estimate that each household will contain 2.1 people, yielding 97,650 interviews in Wave 1 and subsequent waves. Interviews take 30 minutes on average. Three waves of interviewing will occur in the 2004 SIPP Panel during FY 2005. The total annual burden for 2004 Panel SIPP interviews will be 146,475 hours in FY 2005.

The topical modules for the 2004 Panel Wave 3 collect information about:

- Medical Expenses and Utilization of Health Care (Adults and Children)
- Work Related Expenses and Child Support Paid
- Assets, Liabilities, and Eligibility
- Child Well-Being

Wave 3 interviews will be conducted from October 2004 through January 2005. A 10-minute reinterview of 3,100 people is conducted at each wave to ensure accuracy of responses. Reinterviews will require an additional 1,553 burden hours in FY 2005.

## II. Method of Collection

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every few years with each panel having durations of 1 to 4 years. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. During the 2004 panel, respondents are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample people (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP primary sampling unit will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Individuals 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these individuals move, they are not followed

unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample individual.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0905.

*Form Number:* SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 97,650 people per wave.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes per person on average.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 148,028.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The only cost to respondents is their time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, 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 or included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 4, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Quarterly Financial Report

**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 May 10, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [DHynek@doc.gov](mailto:DHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Yolando M. St. George, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 1282-3, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 763-6600.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) Program is planning to resubmit for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) its four data collection forms: Quarterly Financial Report Forms QFR-101 (MG)—long form (Sent quarterly to Manufacturing, Mining, and Wholesale Trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more at time of sampling), QFR-102 (TR)—long form (Sent quarterly to Retail Trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more at time of sampling), QFR-101A (MG)—short form (Sent quarterly to Manufacturing corporations with assets of less than \$50 million at time of sampling), and QFR-103 (NB)—Nature of Business Report (Sent at the beginning of sampling selection and at 2-year intervals if the corporation is included in the sample for more than eight quarters). The current expiration for these forms is July 31, 2004.

The QFR Program has published up-to-date aggregate statistics on the financial results and position of U.S. corporations since 1947. It is a principal economic indicator that also provides financial data essential to calculation of key Government measures of national economic performance. The importance of this data collection is reflected by the granting of specific authority to conduct the program in Title 13 of the United States Code, Section 91, which requires that financial statistics of business operations be collected and published quarterly. Public Law 105-252 extended the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the QFR Program under Section 91 through September 30, 2005.

The current scope of the QFR includes corporations in the Mining, Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade, and Retail Trade sectors. The main purpose of the QFR is to provide timely, accurate data on business financial conditions for use by Government and private-sector organizations and individuals. An extensive subscription mailing list attests to the diverse groups using these data including foreign countries, universities, financial analysts, unions, trade associations, public libraries, banking institutions, and U.S. and foreign corporations. The primary users are U.S. Governmental organizations charged with economic policymaking responsibilities. These organizations play a major role in providing guidance, advice, and support to the QFR Program.

## II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will primarily use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 25 days of the end of the quarter for which the data are being requested, except for form QFR-103 (NB) which is due 30 days after receipt by the companies. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time. The QFR Program introduced the use of computer readable medium for optional use as a substitute for the paper form to all companies filing long forms QFR-101 (MG) and QFR-102 (TR). The Computerized Self-Administered Questionnaire (CSAQ) is an electronic version of the data collection form. It provides the data provider with interactive edits making it possible to identify potential reporting problems before submission, thus reducing the need for follow-up. The CSAQ can be completed and submitted electronically via the Internet or by returning the CSAQ by mail for electronic data capture. During the next year a CSAQ short form will be developed and made available to companies filing the QFR-101A (MG).

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0432.

Form Number: QFR-101 (MG), QFR-102 (TR), QFR-101A (MG), and QFR-103 (NB).

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Manufacturing corporations with assets of \$250 thousand or more and Mining, and Wholesale and Retail Trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Form QFR-101 (MG)—3,976 per

quarter = 15,904 annually  
Form QFR-102 (TR)—490 per quarter = 1,960 annually  
Form QFR-101A (MG)—4,231 per quarter = 16,924 annually  
Form QFR-103 (NB)—1,414 per quarter = 5,656 annually  
Total 40,444 annually

### Estimated Time Per Response:

Form QFR-101 (MG)—Average hours 3.0

Form QFR-102 (TR)—Average hours 3.0

Form QFR-101A (MG)—Average hours 1.2

Form QFR-103 (NB)—Average hours 2.4

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 85,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2.0 million.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 91 and 224.

## 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: March 5, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Title 5, United

States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10(a)(b), the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is 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 Population, the Hispanic Population, and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations. The Committees will address issues related to the 2010 reengineered decennial census, including the American Community Survey and other related decennial programs. The five CACs on Race and Ethnicity will meet in plenary and concurrent sessions on May 5-7. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent us from giving advance notification.

**DATES:** May 5-7, 2004. On May 5, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. On May 6, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. On May 7, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 12:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3627, Federal Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-2070, TTY (301) 457-2540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CACs on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian Population, the Hispanic Population, and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations are comprised of nine members each. The Committees provide an organized and continuing channel of communication between the representative race and ethnic populations and the Census Bureau. The Committee provides an outside-user perspective about how research and design plans for the 2010 reengineered decennial census, the American Community Survey, and other related programs realize goals and satisfy needs associated with these communities. They also assist the Census Bureau on ways that census data can best be disseminated to diverse race and ethnic populations and other users.

All meetings are open to the public. A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment. However,