

# 2002 ECONOMIC CENSUS Telecommunications; Cable and Other Program Distribution Consolidated Report Forms

## INFORMATION SHEET

This 2002 Economic Census information sheet covers establishments engaged in the following areas of economic activity:

- Wired Telecommunications Carriers
- Paging
- Cellular and Other Wireless Telecommunications
- Cable and Other Program Distribution

This report form requests data for activities conducted in the United States during 2002.

If the consolidated report form does **NOT** seem to apply to an activity engaged in by this company, **DESCRIBE** the business or activity in **ITEM 18 AND COMPLETE** the report form. Complete items **28A** and **28B** as accurately as possible. In many cases this will satisfy Census Bureau requirements.

### DEFINITION OF A CONSOLIDATED REPORTING UNIT

A **consolidated reporting unit** is the grouping of all the domestic establishments of a company that operate in a specific industry (major activity) into a single reporting unit. Establishments are generally single physical locations. The consolidated reporting unit includes all the establishments of a company that contribute to the production of goods or services covered by the industry (major activity) specified in the mailing address section of the consolidated report form.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete the report form for all locations operating in the industry printed in the mailing address section on the first page of the consolidated report form, for the United States, including the fifty States and the District of Columbia. Do not include United States possessions or territories.
  - The report form should cover calendar year 2002. If book figures are not available, **estimates are acceptable**. However, if the fiscal year is different from the calendar year, fiscal year figures will be acceptable for all items except payroll (calendar year figures for payroll, for each location, should be available from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return). Indicate in item **30** the exact dates covered.
  - If an establishment listed in item **28A** stopped operating in the major activity printed, before January 1, 2002, indicate action and date in column **(c)** of the Pre-identified Locations of Operation supplement (item **28A**).
  - If an establishment listed in item **28A** was closed, sold, or leased to another company or organization during 2002, complete column **(b)** for the portion of 2002 that the location operated in the major activity printed. Indicate action and date in column **(c)** of the Pre-identified Locations of Operation supplement (item **28A**).
  - Receipts and payroll data should be rounded to the nearest thousand dollars as illustrated on the report form.
- If there are any questions or if any communication regarding the report form is necessary, reference the 11-digit Census File Number (CFN) printed in the mailing address section on the first page of the consolidated report form.
  - Please photocopy each report form for your records and return the originals.
  - Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 18 minutes to 9 hours and 30 minutes per response, with an average of 1 hour and 6 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Project 0607-0887, Room 3110, Federal Building 3, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-1500. You may e-mail comments to [Paperwork@census.gov](mailto:Paperwork@census.gov); use "Paperwork Project 0607-0887" as the subject.
  - Response to this collection of information is not required unless it displays a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The OMB eight-digit number appears in the upper right corner of the report form.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED ITEMS

#### 4. SALES, SHIPMENTS, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE

Report total operating receipts for the company's United States locations engaged in the industry printed in the mailing address section on the first page of the consolidated report form. Receipts should be reported in thousands of dollars.

Telephone service companies should **exclude** receipts collected on behalf of another company. **Include** receipts from international calls originating in the United States (including that portion paid to foreign countries for accessing their network); and allowances for uncollected accounts.

#### **Include:**

- Gross receipts from services provided, from the use of facilities, and from merchandise sold in 2002, whether or not payment was received in 2002.
- Sales to and receipts from FOREIGN parent firms, subsidiaries, branches, etc.
- This operating unit's share of receipts from departments, concessions, and vending and amusement machines operated by others.
- Receipts from the rental and leasing of vehicles, equipment, instruments, tools, etc.
- Total value of service contracts.
- Market value of compensation received in lieu of cash.
- Amounts received for work subcontracted to others.
- Dues and assessments from members and affiliates.

**Exclude:**

- Sales and other taxes (including Hawaii's General Excise Tax) collected directly from customers or clients and paid directly to a local, state, or federal tax agency.
- Gross receipts collected on behalf of others.
- Gross receipts from departments or concessions operated by others.
- Sales of used equipment previously rented or leased to customers.
- Proceeds from the sale of real estate (land and buildings), investments, or other assets (except inventory held for resale).
- Contributions, gifts, grants, and income from interest, rental of real estate, and dividends.
- Domestic intracompany transfers.
- Receipts of foreign parent firms and subsidiaries.
- Other nonoperating income (e.g., franchise fees).

**5. E-COMMERCE SALES, SHIPMENTS, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE**

Online refers to any transaction completed over an Internet, Extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other online system.

**Include:**

- Online orders for goods and services placed by a buyer.
- Online services provided where charges are based on the usage of those services (e.g., commissions or fees from use of computerized reservation systems, financial transaction processing systems, etc.).
- Commissions or fees from the trading of securities or other financial products (i.e., insurance, loans, etc.) online.
- Commissions or fees from selling or from facilitating the sale of third party products (e.g., click-throughs on advertisements or referral fees) through the establishment's Web site.
- Agreements negotiated online between buyer and seller on price and terms of a transfer of ownership of, or rights to use, goods or services.
- Telephone transactions using interactive voice response systems.

**Exclude:**

- Online billing where the order or contract was not negotiated online.
- Delivery of services online where the order or contract was not negotiated online.
- Provisions of telecommunications and related infrastructure systems (e.g., data transfer, Web hosting, Internet access) where the order or contract for such services was not negotiated online.
- Orders for goods or services placed over facsimile machine or switched telephone network.

**6. EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL**

Definitions are the same as those used on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, and as described in Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide.

If employees worked at more than one location, report employment and payroll for employees at the ONE location where they spent most of their working time.

**A. Employment****Include:**

- All full- and part-time employees on the payroll during the pay period including March 12, 2002.
- Salaried officers and executives of a corporation.
- Employees on paid sick leave, paid vacations, and paid holidays.

**Exclude:**

- Proprietors or partners of an unincorporated company.
- Full- and part-time leased employees whose payroll was filed under an employee leasing company's Employer Identification Number (EIN). Refer to item 7 for the definition of leased employment.
- Temporary staffing obtained from a staffing service.

**B. Payroll****Include:**

- Wages, salaries, tips, vacation allowances, bonuses, commissions, and other compensation paid to employees during 2002 and reported on IRS Form 941 as taxable Medicare Wages and tips (even if not subject to income or FICA tax).
- Salaries of officers and executives of a corporation.
- Employee contributions to qualified pension plans.
- The spread on stock options that is taxable to employees as income.

**Exclude:**

- Payments to or withdrawals by proprietors or partners of an unincorporated company.
- Annuities or supplemental unemployment compensation benefits, even if income tax was withheld.
- Payrolls of departments or concessions operated by other companies at the establishment.

**7. LEASED EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL**

Leased employment entails the provision of human resources and human resource management services to client businesses. Leasing companies operate in a coemployment relationship with client businesses or organizations and are specialized in performing a wide range of human resource and personnel management duties, such as payroll accounting, payroll tax return preparation and filing, benefits administration, recruiting, and managing labor relations. The employee leasing company shares decision making with the client business relating to its human resource or personnel management role. Management accountability for the work of their clients' operations with regard to strategic planning, output, or profitability, resides with the client.

## 18. KIND OF BUSINESS

Choose the **one** kind of business that best describes the primary business activity of this consolidated reporting unit in 2002. If none of the provided selections seem appropriate, provide a specific description of the primary business activity.

## 28. LOCATIONS OF OPERATION

### A. Pre-identified Locations of Operation

We prelisted physical locations of your company that are part of this consolidated reporting unit based on Census records. Please bring this list up to date as follows:

- **Column (a)** — Please correct any errors or omissions in the prelisted information. If the major activity listed is not the major activity of the location, correct the major activity and do not include this location in the count, item **28C**.
- **Column (b), 2002 Employment and Payroll** — Report separately the number of employees and payroll for both paid and leased employees for each establishment. Do not combine data for locations.
- **Column (c), Operational Status** — Mark (X) the **one** box that best describes the operational status of the establishment at the **end of 2002**.
  - **In operation** — The establishment was open and actively conducting business on December 31, 2002.
  - **Temporarily or seasonally inactive** — Although not conducting business at the end of 2002, the establishment will eventually reopen and conduct business under the same Employer Identification Number (EIN). Examples include businesses in resort areas that close during the "off-season" or establishments that temporarily close for remodeling.
  - **Ceased operation** — The establishment has gone out of business or closed and does not plan to reopen. Provide the **month, day, and year** that the establishment ceased operation. Complete all items for the portion of 2002 during which the establishment was in operation.
  - **Sold or leased to another operator** — The establishment was sold or leased to another company or organization. Provide the **month, day, and year** that the change occurred and indicate the name and address of the new owner or operator. Complete all items for the portion of 2002 prior to the change in operator.

### B. Additional Locations of Operation

Provide additional establishments not prelisted in item **28A** that operate in the industry printed in the mailing address section on the first page of the consolidated report form.

- If your company operates at locations for which you receive separate establishment report form(s), do not add them, but rather complete the other report form(s).
- If additional space is needed to add locations, please photocopy a blank page of item **28B** and provide the additional locations.
- **Column (a)** — List separately any locations of your company and its subsidiaries that were not included in item **28A**, but were in operation and engaged in the industry printed in the mailing address section on the first page of the consolidated report form.
- **Column (b), 2002 Employment and Payroll** — Report separately the number of employees and payroll for both paid and leased employees for each establishment. Do not combine data for locations.
- **Column (c1)** — Enter the two-digit code from the MAJOR ACTIVITIES CODES list that best describes the major activity of each location. Please specify the principal products or services.
- **Column (c2)** — Provide the name and address of previous owner and date of purchase for each acquired establishment listed.

### C. Number of Locations of Operation

Provide a summation of all establishments prelisted in item **28A** that are in operation or temporarily inactive, minus the establishments closed or sold, plus the establishments added in item **28B**.