

information products to a variety of customers, including the Federal Government, public and private organizations, and individuals, within the United States and internationally. Therefore, in compliance with Executive Order 12862, it seeks to issue a survey to identify the customers it already serves, as well as those it should be serving; to determine the kind and quality of services they want; and to assess their level of satisfaction with existing services. The results of this survey will then be used to evaluate institutional performance, reform management practices, and reallocate resources to services in line with customer needs and expectations. If the information is not collected, NAL will be hindered from advancing its mandate to provide accurate, timely and easily accessible agricultural information to its customers.

The entire information collection process will be conducted electronically. NAL will store its customer survey on a Web server. It will then invite customers and potential customers to take the survey via a broadly distributed email invitation. This invitation will include a link to the survey, where customers will answer the questions using pull-down menus, checkboxes, or radio buttons.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit institutions; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,250 hours.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance for the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (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 those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 11, 2005.

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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:* 2005 National Census Test.

*Form Number(s):* Too numerous to list here.

*Agency Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 70,000 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 420,000.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the 2005 National Census Test (NCT).

Census 2000 was an operational and data quality success. However, that success was achieved at great operational risk and great expense. In response to the lessons learned from Census 2000, and in striving to better meet our Nation's ever-expanding needs for social, demographic, and geographic information, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau have developed a multi-year effort to completely modernize and re-engineer the 2010 Census of Population and Housing.

In order to meet our constitutional and legislative mandates, we must implement a re-engineered 2010 Census that is cost-effective; improves coverage; and reduces operational risk. Achieving this strategic goal requires an iterative series of tests to provide an opportunity to evaluate new or improved question wording, methodology, technology, and questionnaire design. The 2005 NCT, which is part of the test cycle leading up to the 2010 Census, is one of a series of tests that has been planned to allow us to finalize content, methodology, and operational procedures in time to conduct a Dress Rehearsal in 2008.

The 2005 NCT is a mailout/mailback test designed to evaluate variations of questionnaire content and methodology.

In conjunction with the results of cognitive tests and focus groups, the 2003 National Census Test, and the 2004 Census Test, results from the 2005 NCT and the 2006 Census Test will help us develop the optimal questionnaire and mailing strategy for the 2010 Census. Although the 2005 NCT does not include a nonresponse followup (field) component, it will include a telephone coverage followup component.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 141 and 193.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, 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)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([susan\\_schechter@omb.eop.gov](mailto:susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov)).

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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:* Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey.

*Form Number(s):* SM-42(00).

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0190.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 5,600 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Census Bureau requests a three-year extension of the current OMB approval of the