

comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Consumer Price Index Housing Survey." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section below on or before June 19, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** Section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the timeliest instrument compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. The CPI is used most widely as a measure of inflation, and is used in the formulation of economic policy. It also is used as a deflator of other economic series, that is, to adjust other series for price changes and to translate these series into inflation-free dollars.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the CPI Housing Survey. This request addresses both the ongoing collection activities associated with compilation of the shelter component of the Consumer Price Index and the beginning of a project to revise and update the CPI sample of rental units for which rents are collected over time.

The CPI continues to utilize electronic technology in the collection of data. Field representatives use hand-held pen computers and electronically collect and transmit data back to Washington, DC.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Agency:* The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* CPI Housing Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0163.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

*Total Respondents:* 88,234.

*Frequency:* Semi-annually.

*Total Responses:* 114,351.

*Average Time Per Response:* 6 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 11,652 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of April 2006.

**Cathy Kazanowski,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

**Meetings of Humanities Panel**

**AGENCY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of Humanities Panels will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Gottry, Acting Advisory

Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* May 1, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for Community College Faculty, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the March 15, 2006 deadline.

2. *Date:* May 3, 2006.

*Time:* 9 to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the March 15, 2006 deadline.

3. *Date:* May 8, 2006.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the March 15, 2006 deadline.

**Heather Gottry,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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