

including all information typically included on the application for REDLGs and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After electronically submitting an application through the Web site, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number.
- USDA Rural Development may request that the applicant provide original signatures on forms at a later date.
- If applicants experience technical difficulties on the closing date and are unable to meet the deadline, you may submit a paper copy of your application to your respective Rural Development State Office. Paper applications submitted to a Rural Development State Office must meet the closing date and local time deadline.

Please note that applicants must locate the downloadable application package for this program by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number or FedGrants Funding Opportunity Number, which can be found at <http://www.grants.gov>.

#### B. Content and Form of Submission

An application must contain all of the required elements. Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR 4280.42(b), must be addressed in the application. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and will impact the overall evaluation of the application. Copies of 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, will be provided to any interested applicant making a request to a Rural Development State Office listed in this notice.

#### C. Submission Dates and Times

*Application Deadline Dates:* 4:30 p.m. (local time) on the last business day of each month.

*Explanation of Deadlines:* Applications must be in the Rural Development State Office by the deadline dates as indicated above.

#### V. Application Review Information

The National Office will score applications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, and will select an Intermediary subject to the Intermediary's satisfactory submission of the additional items required by 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A, and the USDA Rural Development Letter of Conditions.

#### VI. Award Administration Information

##### A. Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive notification for funding from the Rural Development State Office. Applicants must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations before the loan/grant award will be approved. Provided the application requirements have not changed, an application not selected will be reconsidered in three subsequent funding competitions for a total of four competitions. If an application is withdrawn, it can be resubmitted and will be evaluated as a new application.

##### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Additional requirements that apply to Intermediary's selected for this program can be found in 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A. Applicable provisions of 7 CFR parts 3015, 3019, and 3052 also apply.

#### VII. Agency Contacts

For general questions about this announcement, please contact your Rural Development State Office identified in this Notice.

#### VIII. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirement contained in this Notice is approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0024.

##### Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

All grant applicants, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webor>. Similarly, in accordance with 2 CFR part 25, all applicants must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) prior to submitting an application. Applicants may register for the CCR at <http://www.ccr.gov>, or by calling 1-866-606-8220 and press "1" for CCR. All recipients of Federal financial grant assistance are required to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive total compensation in accordance with 2 CFR Part 170.

##### Nondiscrimination Statement:

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**Judith A. Canales,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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:* 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 13 Topical Module.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0944.

*Form Number(s):* SIPP 281305(L), Director's Letter: SIPP 281305(L)SP, Director's Letter (Spanish); SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

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

*Burden Hours:* 143,303.

*Number of Respondents:* 94,500.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a topical module during the Wave 13 interview for the 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The core SIPP and reinterview instruments were cleared under Authorization No. 0607-0944.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other 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 survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs, such as estimating eligibility for government programs, examining pension and health care coverage, and analyzing individual net worth. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules."

The topical module planned for the 2008 Panel Wave 13 is Professional Certificates and Certifications. This topical module has not been previously conducted in the SIPP. Wave 13 interviews will be conducted from September 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

No topical modules were used in Wave 12 and none are planned in Waves 14 through 16 of the 2008 Panel. We plan to continue fielding the core and reinterview instruments through December 2013, which is the last rotation of Wave 16. Consequently, we did not submit an OMB package for Wave 12 and do not anticipate future OMB submissions for the 2008 Panel after Wave 13.

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 approximately 3 to 6 years. The 2008 Panel is scheduled for approximately 6 years and four months and includes sixteen waves which began September 1, 2008. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-responder rules. They are interviewed a total of thirteen times (thirteen 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 (PSU) 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 people move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample individual.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Every 4 months.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or email ([bharrisk@omb.eop.gov](mailto:bharrisk@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: February 28, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. 120127071-2071-01]

### Commerce Business Apps Challenge

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A key mission of both the Department of Commerce (DOC) is to help U.S. businesses grow and create jobs. Recently, the White House launched the BusinessUSA Initiative ([www.BusinessUSA.gov](http://www.BusinessUSA.gov)) to help further these goals. This notice announces the Commerce Business Apps Challenge (<http://docbusinessapps.challenge.gov>) which DOC is launching to encourage members of the public to develop, using at least one DOC data set, an application (Web, mobile, PC, etc.) that assists businesses and/or improves the service delivery of *BusinessUSA.gov* to the

business community. Specifically, we're looking for innovative ways to use DOC and other federal data and program information to help businesses:

- Learn about and evaluate opportunities, both here in the U.S. and internationally;
- Access useful government services, data, and market information;
- Fund business activities;
- Support education and training, and
- Facilitate or accelerate the pursuit of operating and growing their business.

This notice announces the BizApps Challenge and explains its terms and conditions, and prizes.

**DATES:** Contestants must register for the contest on this Web site by *creating an account* between February 22nd and April 30th, 2012. The judging period will run from May 1, 2012, 12 a.m. EDT to May 21, 2012, 11:59 p.m. EDT. DOC will announce contest winners on May 31, 2012, or soon thereafter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gordon Keller, by phone at 202-482-2490, or via email at [GKeller@doc.gov](mailto:GKeller@doc.gov), or Mike Kruger, by phone at 202-482-2556, or via email at [MKruger@doc.gov](mailto:MKruger@doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

To facilitate the public's awareness of the various types of DOC data available to businesses online and to enhance the usability and service delivery of the newly launched BusinessUSA Initiative ([www.BusinessUSA.gov](http://www.BusinessUSA.gov)), DOC announces a contest, open to the public, to develop an application using at least one DOC data set, to assist businesses and/or improves the service delivery of *BusinessUSA.gov* to the business community.

You pick the technology\* \* \*

- The web
- A personal computer
- A mobile handheld device, or
- Any platform broadly accessible to the open Internet

\* \* \*we provide the data (or at least some of it).

DOC offers a wealth of economic, demographic, environmental, weather, international trade, scientific research and program data and in this challenge, we require that you *use at least one of our datasets* in your application. This data can be layered and/or combined with any other federal, state, local or publicly available information or datasets that you wish. Below are listed some repositories for DOC and other federal data:

- Commerce Data
  - U.S. Census Bureau—Population, household, housing, demographics, Economic census and monthly