

# Notices

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Advisory Committee Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Agency for International Development (USAID).

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Public Meeting and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given of Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA) public meeting on February 7th, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To view additional information related to ACVFA please visit <http://www.usaid.gov/who-we-are/organization/advisory-committee>.

This event will feature a conversation between the USAID Administrator and the ACVFA Chair, as well as two discussion panels featuring ACVFA members on key Agency priorities such as democratic governance, food security, climate change, private sector engagement, and inclusive development.

You may submit comments regarding the work of ACVFA to [acvfa@usaid.gov](mailto:acvfa@usaid.gov) or the committee's public comment form at: <https://www.usaid.gov/who-we-are/organization/advisory-committee/acvfa-contact-us>. Include "Public Comment, ACVFA Meeting, February 7, 2023" in the subject line. All public comments and questions will be included in the official record of the meeting and posted publicly on the USAID website.

American Sign Language interpretation will be provided during the public meeting. If you require a reasonable accommodation, please email [reasonableaccommodations@usaid.gov](mailto:reasonableaccommodations@usaid.gov). Include "Request for Reasonable Accommodation, ACVFA Meeting, February 7, 2024" in the subject line.

The entirety of this meeting is open to the public. You may register to watch the live public meeting at this link: [https://usaid.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_V5mFIn5jS\\_6p3G8Iz7n0bw](https://usaid.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_V5mFIn5jS_6p3G8Iz7n0bw).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sophia Lajaunie, Designated Federal Officer for ACVFA, at [slajaunie@usaid.gov](mailto:slajaunie@usaid.gov) or 202-531-9819.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ACVFA is USAID's external advisory committee, bringing together representatives from private voluntary organizations, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), academia, civil society, and the private sector. Its membership of internationally recognized leaders represent a broad range of sectors who support the Agency's mission and goals by advising on key development challenges and priorities.

Pursuant to its charter, ACVFA is holding an annual public meeting on February 7, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET. This meeting is free and open to the public. The Committee welcomes public participation and comment before, during, and after the meeting via the web and/or email addresses provided above.

**Sophia Lajaunie,**  
ACVFA Designated Federal Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Business Survey

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested

via the **Federal Register** on September 22, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

**Title:** Annual Business Survey.

**OMB Control Number:** 0607-1004.

**Form Number(s):** ABS-1.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 338,000.

**Average Hours per Response:** 58 minutes.

**Burden Hours:** 325,200.

**Needs and Uses:** In an effort to improve the measurement of business dynamics in the United States, the Census Bureau is conducting the 2024 Annual Business Survey (ABS), covering reference year 2023. The ABS combines Census Bureau firm-level collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, reduce operational costs, and operate more efficiently. The ABS provides information on selected economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. Further, the survey measures research and development for microbusinesses, new business topics such as innovation and technology, as well as other business characteristics. The 2024 ABS is co-sponsored by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) and conducted by the Census Bureau.

The ABS includes all nonfarm employer businesses filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, or any other type of corporation, with receipts of \$1,000 or more. While the 2023 ABS sampled approximately 850,000 employer businesses to produce detailed statistics by owner demographics, the 2024 ABS sample is reduced to approximately 330,000 employer businesses. Starting with survey year 2024 (reference year 2023), the sample is reduced to approximately 330,000 employer businesses annually (survey years 2024-2027) to reduce the burden on the respondents. The reduced sample size will yield summary-level estimates for women-owned, minority-owned, and veteran-owned businesses at the 4-digit