

first-come, first-served basis. All other participants may provide comments during the Web-based listening session if time permits, or submit written comments. All written comments must be received by close of business October 16, 2014, to be considered. All comments and the official transcript of the Web-based listening session, when they become available, may be reviewed on the NIFA Web page, <http://www.nifa.usda.gov>, for six months.

Background and Purpose

NIFA is moving forward to implement Section 7404 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. Beginning in October of 2014, this section requires that the NIFA “establish procedures, including timelines, under which an entity established under a commodity promotion law (as such term is defined under section 501(a) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7401(a))) or a State commodity board (or other equivalent State entity) may directly submit to the Secretary for consideration proposals for requests for applications” as part of the AFRI competitive grants program.

These proposals for RFAs must address particular issues related to the AFRI priority areas. A program synopsis of the AFRI programs, including program priorities, can be viewed at the following URL: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/afri/afri_synopsis.html.

Language in 7 U.S.C. 7401(a) defines an entity established under a commodity promotion law as a program regarding an agricultural commodity that includes a combination of promotion, research, industry information, or consumer information activities, is funded by mandatory assessments on producers or processors, and is designed to maintain or expand markets and uses for the commodity (as determined by the Secretary). As of this writing, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has informed NIFA that 22 organizations are federally recognized that meet the definition of this organization: Hass Avocado Board, Mushroom Council, Beef Board, Paper and Paper-Based Packaging, Blueberry Council, Peanut Board, Christmas Tree Board, Popcorn Board, Cotton Board, Pork Board, Dairy Board, Potato Board, Egg Board, Processed Raspberry Council, Fluid Milk Board, Softwood Lumber Board, Honey Board, Sorghum Board, Lamb Board, Soybean Board, Mango Board, Watermelon Board. However, the agency is interested in stakeholder views regarding the best methods of identification and outreach to “other equivalent State” entities that

are established under state commodity promotion laws, include a combination of promotion, research, industry information, or consumer information activities, are funded by state-mandated assessments on producers or processors, and are designed to maintain or expand markets and uses for the commodity.

It is important to note that grants funded under this authority will require the commodity boards who submitted proposals for AFRI RFAs to match the awarded AFRI grants with an equal contribution of funds.

As the Agricultural Act of 2014 provides a fairly broad authority for NIFA to solicit and evaluate proposals for RFAs that address particular areas of interest to commodity boards, it will be important that NIFA hear from the community about how NIFA should do the following: Attempt to guide the priority development of AFRI RFAs that the commodity boards or their equivalent may submit; develop evaluation criteria for selecting RFAs submitted by commodity boards; incorporate selected RFAs into the larger framework of the AFRI program; set upper and lower limits on commodity board proposals; and determine the appropriate mix of RFAs selected from proposals submitted by national and state commodity boards.

NIFA is considering using a process where the agency would issue a request for applications from commodity boards or their equivalent entities that is carefully timed to fit into the existing AFRI RFA development and application review process. The proposals for RFAs would be subject to internal NIFA review and evaluation prior to selection. Successful commodity board or their equivalent entity RFAs would be released as part of the standard AFRI RFAs. Applications submitted in response to commodity board RFAs would be reviewed alongside the other applications within the same AFRI program area through the current competitive peer review process.

During the commodity board mechanism's initial year, NIFA may conduct a pilot program that would limit RFA proposals to program areas within the AFRI Foundational program. This limitation would not itself limit either the number of RFAs approved, or the number of awards ultimately granted, as a result of this new authority in the pilot year. More than one award could conceivably be issued per Commodity Board RFA. However, it is important to note that AFRI Foundational awards are typically limited to \$500,000 each. Furthermore, NIFA may institute additional restrictions in the pilot year.

Implementation Plans

NIFA plans to consider stakeholder input received from the Web-based listening sessions as well as other written comments in developing a process to implement the Commodity Board provision in FY 2015.

Done at Washington, DC this 24th day of September, 2014.

Sonny Ramaswamy,

Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Population Survey (CPS) Basic Demographic Items

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before December 1, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Gregory Weyland, U.S. Census Bureau, 7H106A, Washington, DC 20133–8400 at (301) 763–3806 (or via the internet at Gregory.D.Weyland@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of same sex marriage data as part of basic demographic information on the Current Population Survey (CPS) beginning in June 2015. The current clearance expires July 31, 2017.

The CPS has been the source of official government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Census Bureau jointly sponsor the basic monthly survey. The Census Bureau also prepares and conducts all the field work. At the OMB's request, the Census Bureau and the BLS divide the clearance request in order to reflect the joint sponsorship and funding of the CPS program. The BLS submits a separate clearance request for the portion of the CPS that collects labor force information for the civilian non-institutional population. Some of the information within that portion includes employment status, number of hours worked, job search activities, earnings, duration of unemployment, and the industry and occupation classification of the job held the previous week.

The demographic information collected in the CPS provides a unique set of data on selected characteristics for the civilian non-institutional population. Some of the demographic information we collect are age, marital status, gender, Armed Forces status, education, race, origin, and family income. We use these data in conjunction with other data, particularly the monthly labor force data, as well as periodic supplement data. We also use these data independently for internal analytic research and for evaluation of other surveys. In addition, we use these data as a control to produce accurate estimates of other personal characteristics.

II. Method of Collection

The CPS basic demographic information is collected from individual households by both personal visit and telephone interviews each month. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing. Households in the CPS are in sample for four consecutive months, and for the same four months the following year. This is called a 4–8–4 rotation pattern; households are in sample for four months, in a resting period for eight months, and then in sample again for four months.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0049.

Form Number(s): There are no forms. We conduct all interviews on computers.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900 per month.

Estimated Time per Response:

0.16666 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 300.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Section 182, and Title 29, U.S.C., Sections 1–9.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: September 24, 2014.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with August anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 30, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda E. Waters, Office of AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit,

Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–4735.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with August anniversary dates.

All deadlines for the submission of various types of information, certifications, or comments or actions by the Department discussed below refer to the number of calendar days from the applicable starting time.

Notice of No Sales

If a producer or exporter named in this notice of initiation had no exports, sales, or entries during the period of review (“POR”), it must notify the Department within 60 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. All submissions must be filed electronically at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov> in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303.¹ Such submissions are subject to verification in accordance with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“Act”). Further, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f)(1)(i), a copy must be served on every party on the Department's service list.

Respondent Selection

In the event the Department limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews, the Department intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) data for U.S. imports during the POR. We intend to release the CBP data under Administrative Protective Order (“APO”) to all parties having an APO within seven days of publication of this initiation notice and to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 21 days of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The Department invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within five days of placement of the CBP data on the record of the applicable review. Rebuttal comments will be due five days after submission of initial comments.

In the event the Department decides it is necessary to limit individual

¹ See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011).