

**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Notice of Public Meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of virtual business meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the North Carolina Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual debrief via Webex at 12:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, February 17, 2022, to discuss the February 15, 2022, web briefing on Legal Financial Obligations in the state.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Online Registration (Audio/Visual):*  
<https://tinyurl.com/4fu9n9w5>.

*Telephone (Audio Only):* Dial 800-360-9505 USA Toll Free; Access code: 2761 972 1410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Victoria Moreno, DFO, at [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) or (434) 515-0204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Committee meetings are available to the public through the conference link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference details found through registering at the web link above. To request additional accommodations, please email [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Liliana Schiller at [lschiller@usccr.gov](mailto:lschiller@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, North Carolina Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at the above email or street address.

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Panel Debrief
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

Dated: Friday, January 18, 2022.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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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; Household Pulse Survey**

On November 29, 2021, the Department of Commerce received clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to conduct Phase 3.2 of the Household Pulse Survey (OMB No. 0607-1013, Exp. 10/31/23). The Household Pulse Survey was designed to meet a need for timely information associated with household experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Department is committed to ensuring that the data collected by the Household Pulse Survey continue to meet information needs as they may evolve over the course of the pandemic. This notice serves to inform of the Department's intent to request clearance from OMB to make some revisions to the Household Pulse Survey questionnaire. To ensure that the data collected by the Household Pulse Survey continue to meet information needs as they evolve over the course of the pandemic, the Census Bureau submits this Request for Revision to an Existing Collection for a revised Phase 3.4 questionnaire. Specifically, Phase 3.4 includes a new

question on receipt/intention to receive a vaccine booster; modifications to questions relating to children's vaccinations that expand response options to include children's age categories; modified reference periods for school enrollment and spending questions; the removal of an educational catch-up question; and a reinstated question related to distance learning.

It is the Department's intention to commence data collection using the revised instrument on or about February 23, 2022. The Department invites 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 sought on the Household Pulse Survey via the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2020, June 3, 2020, February 1, 2021, April 13, 2021, June 24, 2021, and again on October 26, 2021. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments on the proposed revisions.

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

*Title:* Household Pulse Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-1013.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 202,800.

*Average Hours per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 66,924.

*Needs and Uses:* Data produced by the Household Pulse Survey are designed to inform on a range of topics related to households' experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic. Topics to date have included employment, facility to telework, travel patterns, income loss, spending patterns, food and housing security, access to benefits, mental health and access to care, intent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine/booster, and post-secondary educational disruption. The requested revision, if approved by OMB, will remove selected items from the questions for which utility has declined and add questions based on information needs expressed via public comment and in consult with other Federal agencies. The overall burden change to the public will be insignificant.

The Household Pulse Survey was initially launched in April, 2020 as an experimental project (see <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products.html>) under emergency clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) initially granted April 19, 2020; regular

clearance was subsequently sought and approved by OMB on October 30, 2020 (OMB No. 0607–1013; Exp. 10/30/2023).

*Affected Public:* Households.

*Frequency:* Households will be selected once to participate in a 20-minute survey.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 182 and 193.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607–1013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket Number: 220119–0024]

### Incentives, Infrastructure, and Research and Development Needs To Support a Strong Domestic Semiconductor Industry

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Department), with the assistance of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), is seeking information in order to inform the planning and design of potential programs to: Incentivize investment in semiconductor manufacturing facilities and associated ecosystems; provide for shared infrastructure to accelerate semiconductor research, development, and prototyping; and support research related to advanced packaging and advanced metrology to ensure a robust domestic semiconductor industry. Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform the planning of the Department of Commerce for the potential implementation of these programs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on March 25,

2022. Written comments in response to this RFI should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the **ADDRESSES** and **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** sections below. Submissions received after that date may not be considered.

#### ADDRESSES:

#### For Comments

To respond to this RFI, please submit electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal.

1. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter DOC–2021–0010 in the search field,

2. Click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and

3. Enter or attach your comments.

Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered.

Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include electronic copies of the referenced materials. Please do not submit additional materials.

All relevant comments received in response to the RFI will be made publicly available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). All submissions, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals, should not be included. Submissions will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. Comments that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language or content will not be considered.

#### For Public Meetings/Webcast

The Department may hold future workshops to explore in more detail questions raised in the RFI. Notice and details about any potential future workshop dates and registration deadlines, etc. will be announced at [www.nist.gov/semiconductors](http://www.nist.gov/semiconductors).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*For questions about this Notice, contact:* George Orji, in the NIST Program Coordination Office, at [george.orji@nist.gov](mailto:george.orji@nist.gov), (301) 975–3475.

Please direct media inquiries to Jennifer Huergo in the NIST Public Affairs Office at [jennifer.huergo@nist.gov](mailto:jennifer.huergo@nist.gov), (301) 975–6343.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## Background

Semiconductors are fundamental to nearly all modern industrial and national security activities, and they are essential building blocks of critical and emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, next generation communications, and quantum computing.

The U.S. semiconductor industry has historically dominated many parts of the semiconductor supply chain, such as research and development (R&D), chip design, and manufacturing. Over the past several years, the U.S. position in the global semiconductor industry has faced numerous challenges. In 2019, the United States accounted for 11 percent of global semiconductor fabrication capacity, down from 13 percent in 2015 and continuing a long-term decline from around 40 percent in 1990. Much of the overseas semiconductor manufacturing capacity is in Taiwan (led by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company), South Korea (led by Samsung), and, increasingly, China.<sup>1</sup>

Furthermore, the fragility of the current global semiconductor supply chain was put squarely on display in 2020. The industry faced significant disruptions as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, a fire affecting a major supplier in Japan, and a severe winter storm that disabled production in facilities in Texas for several days.<sup>2</sup> Together these events and other factors such as pandemic-induced shifts in consumer demand contributed to a global semiconductor shortage that affected multiple manufacturing sectors which rely on semiconductors as critical components for their finished products. Especially severely hit was the automotive industry, which saw plants idled for months.<sup>3</sup>

To strengthen the U.S. position in semiconductor R&D and manufacturing, Congress authorized a set of programs in Title XCIX (“Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors in America”) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. 116–283). This comprehensive set of programs is intended to restore U.S. leadership in semiconductor manufacturing by providing incentives and encouraging investment to expand manufacturing

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.semiconductors.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Government-Incentives-and-US-Competitiveness-in-Semiconductor-Manufacturing-Sep-2020.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ept.ca/features/global-chip-shortage-a-timeline-of-unfortunate-events/>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://hbr.org/2021/02/why-were-in-the-midst-of-a-global-semiconductor-shortage>.