

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393), the Boise and Payette National Forests' Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee will meet for a business meeting.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 16, 2003, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) building, 3100 South Vista Ave., Boise, Idaho.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randy Swick, Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 634-0401 or electronically at [rswick@fs.fed.us](mailto:rswick@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics include review and approval of project proposals, and an open public forum. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 25, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### 2003 Company Organization Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing efforts 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Paul Hanczaryk, Bureau of the Census, Room 2747, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100; telephone (301) 763-4058.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR), formerly known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-establishment companies.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and contact information (for example, name and address).

Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

### II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2003 COS in the same manner as the 2001 COS. (In 2002 the COS was conducted in conjunction with the 2002 Economic Census to minimize response burden). These collections will direct inquiries to approximately 80,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate over 1.1 million establishments. This panel will be drawn from the BR universe of nearly 200,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate 1.6 million establishments.

The mailing list for the 2003 COS will include a certainty component, consisting of all multi-establishment companies with 50 or more employees, and those multi-establishment companies with administrative record values that indicate organizational

changes. A non-certainty component will be drawn from the remaining multi-establishment companies based on employment size.

For 2003, electronic reporting will be available to all COS respondents. Companies will receive and return responses by secure Internet transmission. Companies that cannot use the Internet will receive a CD-ROM containing their electronic data. All respondents will be allowed to mail the data via diskette or CD-ROM or submit their response data via the Internet.

The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and will request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classification, payroll, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

Additionally, the Census Bureau will ask certain questions in the 2003 COS in order to enhance content. We will include questions on the number of leased employees working in the establishments of the company and questions on research and development activities performed by the company.

### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0444.

*Form Number:* NC-99001.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80,000 enterprises.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1.76 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 141,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* Included in the total annual cost of the BR, which is estimated to be \$10.3 million for fiscal year 2003.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 182, 195, 224, and 225.

### 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)