

Title: NOAA Coastal Ocean Program Grants Proposal Application Package.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648–0384.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,100.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes for a budget form; 30 minutes for a project summary; 5 hours for an annual report; 10 hours for a final report; and 10 minutes to provide the extra copies required.

Needs and Uses: The Coastal Ocean Program (COP) provides direct financial assistance for the management of coastal ecosystems. Applicants for assistance are required to provide information in addition to the Standard Forms and grant application information. These additional requirements include a COP summary proposal budget form and a COP project summary. Applicants may also be required to provide up to 20 copies of their proposals. Successful applicants must file annual progress reports and a project final report in accordance with COP formats.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions (universities, colleges, junior colleges, technical schools, laboratories); State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion, annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 3, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2004 Census Test

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(C)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 9, 2003.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Edison Gore, U.S. Census Bureau, Building 2, Room 1212, Washington, DC 20233–9200, 301–763–3998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The 2004 Census Test is part of an extended test cycle leading up to the next decennial census. This testing cycle is an opportunity to evaluate new methods, procedures, systems, questions, and instructions designed to improve coverage and data quality in order to select the most promising ones for use in Census 2010.

The test will be conducted in two sites—Queens, NY, and three rural counties in Georgia (Colquitt, Tift, and Thomas)—and will use two modes for data collection (paper and a Mobile Computing Device [MCD]). The 2004 Census Test will include an array of data collection, data capture, and data processing operations along with the associated support activities necessary for obtaining the data required for evaluation. No prototype data products or counts will be published.

The Census Bureau also will conduct a two-part assessment (the Race and Hispanic/Latino Response Evaluation) in conjunction with the 2004 Census Test. In the first part of the assessment, enumerator taping assistants (ETAs) will

accompany enumerators during Nonresponse Followup ([NRFU]—See Definition of Terms) in order to record enumerator behavior and respondent reaction to the race and Hispanic questions. The second part will consist of telephone re-interviews. The Race and Hispanic/Latino Response Evaluation is scheduled to begin during the NRFU phase of the 2004 Census Test.

Our experience in Census 2000 taught us important lessons emphasizing the need to begin planning and development early in the decade. Consequently, the Census Bureau established a number of Census 2010 Planning Groups to investigate potential changes for the next decennial census. As part of the development cycle, the 2004 Census Test will evaluate the effectiveness of:

1. Methodological innovations (*e.g.*, changes in the residence rule instructions—*See Definition of Terms*),
2. Content modifications (*e.g.*, changes in the race and Hispanic origin questions and response categories, as well as dropping the “Some other race” option), and
3. Incorporation of evolving technologies (using an MCD for data collection during NRFU).

The Race and Hispanic/Latino Response Evaluation is intended to evaluate personal visit respondent reactions to removing the “Some other race” category. The primary vehicle for this evaluation will combine the ETA interviews taped as part of the personal visits during 2004 NRFU with the 2003 National Census Test results.

Approximately 175,000 housing units in the test sites will receive a census form by mail. These housing units are expected to complete these forms and mail them back (mailout/mailback universe, *i.e.* housing units that have city-style addresses such as 806 Main Street). Additionally, enumerators will deliver a form to approximately 25,000 housing units that have non city-style addresses such as Rt. 7, Box 433. These housing units are asked to complete the forms and mail them back (update/leave universe).

Beginning in June 2004, a sample of approximately 2,800 households in the Queens, NY site will be re-interviewed via telephone for the Hispanic/Latino Response Evaluation. (Although the Behavior Coding segment of the test will involve about 2,000 households, it will not involve an increase in respondent burden, since the coding will be done as the NRFU interview is conducted.)