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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Commission public business meeting.

DATES: February 28, 2020, 10 a.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: Meeting to take place by telephone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mauro Morales: 202-376-7796; TTY 202-376-8116; publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public by telephone only: 1-800-667-5617, Conference ID-769-4649 Persons with disabilities who need accommodation should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376-8105 or at access@usccr.gov at least seven (7) business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Business Meeting
 - A. Discussion and vote on timeline, discovery plan, and outline for Commission project on bail reform
 - B. Management and Operations
 - Staff Director's Report
- III. Adjourn Meeting

Dated: February 18, 2020.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Business Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-1004.

Form Number(s): ABS-L1—Initial

Letter; ABS-L1R—Due Date Reminder; ABS-L2—1st Follow-up; ABS-L3—2nd Follow-up; ABS-L3F—3rd Follow-up; ABS-1 Worksheet.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 300,000.

Average Hours per Response: 52 minutes.

Burden Hours: 260,000.

Needs and Uses: In an effort to improve the measurement of business dynamics in the United States, the Census Bureau is conducting the Annual Business Survey (ABS). The ABS combines Census Bureau firm-level collections to reduce respondent burden, increase data quality, reduce operational costs, and operate more efficiently. The ABS replaced the five-year Survey of Business Owners (SBO) for employer businesses, the Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE), and the Business Research and Development (R&D) and Innovation for Microbusinesses (BRDI-M) surveys. The ABS provide 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 ABS is sponsored by the National

Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) and conducted by the Census Bureau for five years (2018–2022).

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. The ABS sampled approximately 850,000 employer businesses for survey year 2018. Starting with survey year 2019, the sample was reduced to approximately 300,000 employer businesses annually (survey years 2019–2022) to reduce the burden on the respondents. The sample size should yield summary-level estimates for women-, minority-, and veteran-owned businesses at the 2-digit NAICS, U.S., state and metropolitan statistical area (MSA) levels. The Census Bureau uses administrative data to estimate the probability that a firm is minority- or women-owned. Each firm is then placed in one of nine frames for sampling. The sampling frames are as follows: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic, Non-Hispanic White Men, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Other, Publicly Owned, and Women. The sample is stratified by state, industry, and frame. The Census Bureau selects some companies with certainty based on volume of sales, payroll, and number of paid employees or NAICS. All certainty cases are sure to be selected and represent only themselves.

The ABS is designed to incorporate new content each survey year based on topics of relevance. Each year the new module of questions is submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. The table below shows the proposed ABS content for each survey year.

PROPOSED CONTENT FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS SURVEY

Topic modules	Collection year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
A. Owner Characteristics	Full	Reduced	Reduced	Full	Reduced.
B. Innovation	Full	Reduced	Full.	Full	
C. Research & Development (1–9 employees only).	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full.