Responsible Official

Tina Terrell, Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, 1839 South Newcomb Street, Porterville, CA 93257, is the responsible official. As the responsible official, she will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service appeal regulations (36 CFR Part 215).

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decision to be made is whether to adopt and implement the proposed action, an alternative to the proposed action, or take no action to remove or treat fire killed and damaged trees in the project area, to plant conifer seedlings, to undertake road improvements, or to implement fuel treatments.

Scoping Process

The notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

Dated: January 13, 2009.

Tina J. Terrell,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income & Program Participation, Wave 3 Topical Modules.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0944.

Form Number(s): SIPP 28305(L) Director's Letter; SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument; SIPP 28003 Reminder Card.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 143,303.

Number of Respondents: 94,500.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the Wave 3 interview for the 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The core SIPP and reinterview instruments were previously cleared.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The survey is molded around a central ''core'' of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs, such as estimating eligibility for government programs, examining pension and health care coverage, and analyzing individual net worth. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as ''topical modules.''

The topical modules for the 2008 Panel Wave 3 are Welfare Reform and Retirement and Pension. The Welfare Reform topical module was previously conducted in the SIPP 2004 Panel Wave 8 instrument. The Retirement and Pension topical module was previously conducted in the SIPP 2004 Panel Wave 7 instrument. Wave 3 interviews will be conducted from May 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every few years, with each panel having durations of approximately 3 to 4 years. The 2008 Panel is scheduled for four years and four months and includes thirteen waves which began September 1, 2008. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. They are interviewed a total of thirteen times (thirteen waves), at 4-month intervals, making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample people (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP primary sampling unit (PSU) will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Individuals 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these people move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample individual.

The OMB has established an Interagency Advisory Committee to provide guidance for the content and procedures for the SIPP. Interagency subcommittees were set up to recommend specific areas of inquiries for supplemental questions.

The Census Bureau developed the 2008 Panel Wave 3 topical modules through consultation with the SIPP OMB Interagency Subcommittee. The questions for the topical modules address major policy and program concerns as stated by this subcommittee and the SIPP Interagency Advisory Committee.

Data provided by the SIPP are being used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and federal agencies that administer social welfare or transfer payment programs, such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (*bharrisk@omb.eop.gov*).

Dated: January 14, 2009.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Omnibus Notice for: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; Requirements for Approved Construction Investments; Award Amendment Requests and Project Service Maps; and Property Management

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA).

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, as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th Street 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 instrument and instructions should be directed to Maureen Klovers, Program Analyst, Office of Regional Affairs, Room 7019, Economic Development Administration, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482–2785, facsimile (202) 482–2838 (or via the Internet at *mklovers@eda.doc.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the Federal economic agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth, and success in the worldwide economy. In order to effectively administer and monitor its economic development assistance programs, EDA collects certain information from applicants for, and recipients of, EDA investment assistance. Four separate information collections expiring April 30, 2009, are combined in this notice for efficiency and economy purposes and are proposed to be reinstated without change: A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (OMB Control No. 0610–0093); B. Requirements for Approved Construction Investments (OMB Control No.0610–0096); C. Request To Amend an Investment Award and Project Service Maps (OMB Control No. 0610–0102); and D. Property Management (OMB Control No. 0610–0103).

A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (OMB Control No. 0610–0093)

I. Abstract

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is required to qualify for EDA investment assistance under its Public Works, Economic Adjustment, and most planning programs, and is a prerequisite for a region's designation by EDA as an Economic Development District (*see* 13 CFR 303, 305.2, and 307.2 of EDA's regulations). This collection of information is required to ensure that the recipient is complying with EDA's CEDS requirements.

II. Method of Collection

Paper report. Alternatively, EDA may approve an electronic submission.

III. Data

Agency Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: EDA applicants for, and recipients of, Public Works, Economic Adjustment, and planning assistance, to include (1) Cities or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose unit of state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (2) states; (3) institutions of higher education or a consortia of institutions of higher education; (4) public or private non-profit organizations or associations; (5) District Organizations; and (6) Indian Tribes or a consortia of Indian Tribes.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 522 (14 initial CEDS, 74 revised CEDS, 371 updated CEDS performance reports, 62 CEDS for applicants for EDA assistance not located in EDA-funded planning district).

Estimated Time Per Response: 480 hours for the initial CEDS for a District Organization or other planning organization funded by EDA; 160 hours for the CEDS revision required at least every 5 years from an EDA-funded District or other planning organization; 40 hours for the annual updated CEDS performance report required of EDA-funded District or other planning organizations; 40 hours per applicant for EDA Public Works or Economic Adjustment Assistance with a project deemed by EDA to 'merit further consideration' that is not located in an EDA-funded District.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 35,927.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $0.

B. Requirements for Approved Construction Investments (OMB Control No. 0610–0096)

I. Abstract

The *Summary of EDA Construction Standards* (commonly referred to as the ''bluebook'') and the *Standard Terms and Conditions for Construction Projects,* as well as any special conditions incorporated into the terms and conditions at the time of award, supplement the requirements that apply to EDA-funded construction projects. The information collected is used to monitor recipients' compliance with EDA's statutory and regulatory requirements and specific terms and conditions relating to individual awards. EDA also uses the information requested to analyze and evaluate program performance.

II. Method of Collection

Paper report. For some documents, EDA may approve electronic submissions.

III. Data

Agency Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Current recipients of EDA construction (Public Works or Economic Adjustment) assistance, to include (1) Cities or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose unit of state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (2) states; (3) institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; (4) public or private non-profit organizations or associations; (5) District Organizations; and (6) Indian Tribes or a consortia of Indian Tribes.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 4,200 (600 open construction grants x an average of 7 responses/year).

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,400.