II. Method of Collection

The 2011 Re-engineered SIPP field test instrument will consist of one household interview which will reference the calendar year 2010. The interview is conducted in person with all household members 15 years old or over using regular proxy-respondent rules.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0957.

Form Number: SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,720 people.

Estimated Time per Response: 60 minutes per person on average.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,720.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to respondents is their time.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

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

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) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 17, 2010.

Glenna Mickelson,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; BroadbandMatch Web Site Tool

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 23, 2010.

ADDRESS: 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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Ian Martinez, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, NTIA, at (202) 482–3027, imartinez@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Congress, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, appropriated $7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to unserved and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits.

The result is the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). BIP makes loans and grants for broadband infrastructure projects in rural areas. BTOP provides grants to fund broadband infrastructure, public computer centers and sustainable broadband adoption projects.

NTIA Administrator Larry E. Strickling, in his testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee, suggested the use of a “comprehensive communities” strategy in BTOP’s second round of funding, aimed at supporting middle mile projects to anchor institutions in the community, such as libraries, colleges and potentially hospitals or public safety organizations, ideally with commitments from last mile providers who would build off of the middle mile projects to residential end users. This type of partnership might have been burdensome to potential applicant partners and non-anchors that still wish to participate in the BTOP program; as such, in coordination with the White House’s Open Government Initiative that seeks to promote transparency, openness and collaboration, NTIA decided to create a tool that would allow larger anchor institutions, smaller satellite organizations, Internet service providers and technical experts to find one another and create mutually beneficial partnerships.

The tool, BroadbandMatch (available at http://match.broadbandusa.gov), allows potential applicants to find partners for broadband projects, helping them to combine expertise and create stronger proposals. Now, in support of the Recovery Act’s goals to create jobs, promote economic growth, and encourage participation of socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns, BroadbandMatch includes small disadvantaged businesses desiring to provide goods and services for broadband projects around the country. It is a helpful resource for firms seeking contracting opportunities with BTOP grantees, among other participants, and for purchasers intending to diversify their suppliers.

Current participants will be solicited to continue their participation in the program by opting in; potentially, new participants will be encouraged through publicizing of BroadbandMatch using the press, conferences, and conversations between applicants/grantees and Federal program officers.

II. Method of Collection

Participants in BroadbandMatch fill out an organizational profile form, containing information such as category or type of organization, preferred partnerships, geographic location, and basic contact information.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0660–0033.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (Extension of a currently approved information collection).
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Establishment of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, DOC.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to provisions under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade announces the establishment of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (the Committee) by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee shall advise the Secretary regarding the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors, including programs and policies to expand U.S. exports of goods and services related to renewable energy and energy efficiency in accordance with applicable United States regulations. This notice also requests nominations for membership.

DATES: Nominations for members must be received on or before July 30, 2010.

Nominations

The Secretary of Commerce invites nominations to the committee of U.S. citizens who will represent U.S. companies in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sector that trade internationally, or U.S. trade associations or U.S. private sector organizations with activities focused on the competitiveness of U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services. No member may represent a company that is majority owned or controlled by a foreign government entity or foreign government entities. Nominees meeting the eligibility requirements will be considered based upon their ability to carry out the goals of the Committee as articulated above. Self-nominations will be accepted. If you are interested in nominating someone to become a member of the Committee, please provide the following information:

1. Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and e-mail address) of the individual requesting consideration;
2. A sponsor letter on the company’s, trade association’s, or organization’s letterhead containing a brief description why the nominee should be considered for membership;
3. Short biography of nominee including credentials;
4. Brief description of the company, trade association, or organization to be represented and its business activities; company size (number of employees and annual sales); and export markets served;
5. An affirmative statement that the nominee is not a Federally registered lobbyist, and that the nominee understands that if appointed, the nominee will not be allowed to continue to serve as a Committee member if the nominee becomes a Federally registered lobbyist;
6. An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all Committee eligibility requirements.

Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures or any other information.

Nominations may be e-mailed to brian.ohanlon@trade.gov or faxed to the attention of Brian O’Hanlon at 202–482–5665, or mailed to Brian O’Hanlon, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 4053, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, and must be received before July 30. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified by return mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Authority

The Committee is being established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary, in response to an identified need for consensus advice from U.S. industry to the U.S. government on the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. The Department of Commerce will also use the Committee’s advice in the Department’s role as co-chair of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) governs the Committee and sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

For purposes of the Committee, the “renewable energy and energy efficiency industry” refers to goods and services related to renewable energy and energy efficiency. However, to maintain focus on electricity generation, the strategy will not include biofuels, feedstock for biofuels, transportation, and energy efficiency as it relates to consumer goods. Biomass used for power or heat generation is included.

In advising on the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industry, the Committee shall advise on matters concerning:

1. The competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries and its ability to develop products, services and technologies,