
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Interviews and Surveys

The purpose of the AIP interviews is to better understand the activities performed and types of costs incurred by the AIPs to deliver Federal crop insurance to producers, particularly those activities and costs that are distinct from those of insurance agents. Information collected from the interviews with AIPs include general companies’ background, competitive strategies, and business operations model in selling and servicing the Federal crop insurance, agent compensation, expense structure, and financial reporting to RMA. Information obtained from the interviews with AIPs will help RMA understand the expenses AIPs incur in delivering the Federal crop insurance, their general practices in determining agent compensation, and compiling financials reported to RMA.

The purpose of the survey of the insurance agents is to collect relevant cost data incurred by the insurance agents in selling and servicing the Federal crop insurance policies. General background information on the surveyed insurance agents, e.g. geographical region, types of crop insurance sold, and number of crop insurance policies sold, will also be collected. The survey will serve as an instrument collecting information on the levels of effort required to sell and service crop insurance policies as well as levels of effort necessary to sell and service other lines. Specifically, the survey will collect data on agency geographical area (location of policy holders), insurance plan type (initial application vs. renewal policy), policy size, policy management and support related activities, nature of interaction with a policy holder, types of crops covered by Federal crop insurance, and other factors. In addition, the survey will obtain information on the time agents spend on the tasks related to selling and servicing a policy and agents’ essential out of pocket costs for support staff, travel, overhead, and other out-of-pocket expenses. This information will be used to evaluate the factors measurably contributing to the costs of Federal crop insurance delivery.

A parallel survey of the insured farmers to whom the sampled insurance agents sell crop insurance will be conducted to determine the level of service (e.g. number of insurance agent visits, educational services, and other services) that is necessary for the farmers to make an informed decision. Several types of data will be collected. These will include general background of the producers and of their insurance agents. It will also include information about the interaction between producers and insurance agents. Data gathered from the survey of insured producers will serve as a consistency check to information gathered from the survey of insurance agents and will not be directly used to estimate the cost of delivery incurred by the insurance agents but will provide valuable information on the levels of services producers expect from agents.

As noted previously, the survey instruments will also serve as the scripts for the interviews of insurance agents and insured producers, respectively. The purpose of the interviews with insurance agents and insured producers is to obtain additional context and understanding for the responses provided to the surveys by agents and producers, respectively. This will assist RMA with interpreting the survey responses and results.

RMA will use the information collected from the interviews and surveys in conjunction with the financials reported by AIPs to construct estimates of the cost of delivery for the Federal crop insurance program. This information could also be used in RMA’s program planning process before implementing any regulatory and programmatic changes in the future. Data collected from the interviews and surveys can also provide RMA some useful information on the Federal crop insurance program from the perspectives of different stakeholders (AIPs, insurance agents, and insured producers) and aid RMA in its program management and program planning.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 18, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (C–SAC). The C–SAC will meet in a plenary session from September 19–20, 2013. The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic information technology, and statistics. Last minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: September 19 and 20, 2013. On September 19, the Census Scientific Advisory Committee meeting will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:35 p.m. On September 20, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the C–SAC are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions on September 20, 2013. Persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Committee Liaison Officer named above. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Thursday, September 5,
2013. You may access the online registration form with the following link: (http://www.regonline.com/csocsep2013). Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign-language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301–763–9906 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor’s badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Topics to be discussed include the following items:
- Reassessment of the 2020 Census.
- American Community Survey Questionnaire Review.
- Cyberinfrastructure and Adaptive Design Working Groups.
- Data Dissemination Transformation.
- National Address Database.
- Administrative Records.
- Impact of DOMA Ruling on Census Data Collection.
- 2013 Census Test.

Dated: August 8, 2013.

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Deputy Director, Bureau of the Census.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration


AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

Event Description

The U.S. Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration (ITA) is coordinating with the U.S. Department of Energy—the lead U.S. agency for the International Framework for Nuclear Energy Cooperation (IFNEC)—to organize participation by representatives of U.S. Industry in the IFNEC Finance, Regulatory, and Energy Planning Authority Workshop, to be held on October 22, 2013 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAU), prior to the IFNEC Steering Group and Executive Committee meetings. IFNEC is an international forum consisting of 63 countries ranging from those with emerging and existing nuclear power programs to those in the process of phasing out nuclear power programs. This workshop is designed to facilitate a more focused dialogue directed at understanding the challenges that financing presents for countries that are beginning to develop nuclear power projects, while maintaining respect for independence in sovereign decision-making. IFNEC is seeking the participation of a minimum of 15 U.S. companies or trade associations in the civil nuclear sector in the IFNEC Workshop. The IFNEC Workshop’s scenario-based interactive dialogue will provide an opportunity for member country policymakers and other participants to benefit from the viewpoints of the U.S. civil nuclear industry and for U.S. industry to learn more about the policies, regulatory landscape, and energy planning of the participating countries of IFNEC.

Event Setting

The IFNEC Workshop is an event to bring together IFNEC member country representatives and key stakeholders involved in the financing of nuclear power projects, including national energy planning authorities, nuclear regulatory institutions, energy market regulators, financial institutions, utilities and others, as well as U.S. nuclear industry representatives. The workshop will focus on enhancing IFNEC’s understanding of the role and interests of, and interactions between, these key stakeholders in the financing of nuclear power projects in emerging market countries.

IFNEC is led by an Executive Committee, which is made up of ministerial-level officials or their designees from Participant Countries and Organizations that meet annually to set the agenda for the Forum for the coming year. Observer Countries and Organizations are welcome and encouraged to attend. The IFNEC Executive Committee accepted the Final Summary Report of the 2012 London IFNEC Finance Workshop at its October 2012 meeting in Morocco, and proposed that IFNEC organize a follow-on workshop in 2013. The IFNEC Finance Workshop Summary Report is available at http://www.ifnec.org/Meetings/FinanceWorkshop2012.aspx. Abu Dhabi’s Regulation and Supervision Bureau will host the IFNEC Workshop.

The workshop builds on the outcomes of the 2012 London IFNEC Finance Workshop, which highlighted the importance of (1) An effective and independent nuclear regulator, (2) government commitment and support, and (3) a sound business plan. This workshop will be designed to facilitate a more focused dialogue directed at understanding the challenges that financing presents for countries embarking on the development of nuclear power projects, while maintaining respect for sovereign decision-making.

Participants in this IFNEC Workshop will hear the unique perspectives of the financing community, project proponents, regulatory bodies, national energy planning authorities and other stakeholders regarding the challenges and opportunities related to nuclear power project financing in an emerging market country. In particular, this IFNEC Workshop will follow-up on the key findings from the London IFNEC Finance Workshop. The IFNEC Workshop will focus on the critical, but not well understood, relationships between financing and the independence and experience base of the nuclear regulatory authorities, with responsibilities in not only nuclear safety, but security and safeguards as well. Another focal point will be the important roles that electric market regulators, and power purchase agreements, are playing today in the financing of nuclear power projects in emerging market countries. Although taking place over only one day, the workshop will cover as many of these central topics as possible, while still recognizing certain elements may emerge that require further investigation.

Event Scenario

Workshop format

The IFNEC Workshop will provide a dynamic forum in which experts representing a broad spectrum of key stakeholders will engage in a moderated exercise to address a hypothetical scenario related to the financing of a nuclear power project in a country with an emerging nuclear power program. Following the scenario exercise, key experts will lead focused, participatory dialogues among groups of IFNEC Workshop attendees to further address specific issues and responses to the scenario-based exercise. The interactions in the breakout groups will help IFNEC Workshop attendees gain a better understanding of how the financing community, project proponents, regulatory bodies, national