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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by November 23, 2026 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such people are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Trafficking Controls and Fraud Investigations (Card Replacement).

OMB Control Number: 0584–0587.

Summary of Collection: This information collection supports the request to reinstate an expired information collection for an information collection request (ICR). The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act), as amended, specifies national eligibility standards and imposes certain administrative requirements on State agencies in administering the Program. The Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) is still legally required to collect this data and is thereby continuing to collect in violation of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Federal regulations at 274.6(b)(6) (Appendix A) require that State agencies monitor EBT card replacement requests and send notices to households when they request four cards within a 12-month period. The State agency may determine a threshold for excessive card replacements, which must not be less than four replacement cards in a 12-month period. alerting the household that their account is being monitored for potential trafficking, misuse, or fraudulent use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Need and Use of the Information: This statement supports the request to reinstate an expired information collection for an information collection related to collection to monitor excessive replacement EBT cards to reduce SNAP fraud waste and abuse by discouraging SNAP benefit trafficking. FNA is still legally required to collect this data and thereby continuing to collect it in violation of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Per Federal regulations at 7 CFR 274.6(b)(5) and 7 CFR 274.6(6), State agencies must set a threshold on excessive replacement cards and monitor household requests for replacement cards. Once the threshold has been exceeded, the State agency has two options. They may either provide a notice to the client to alert the household that they are monitoring their account for potential, suspicious activity.

If another replacement card is subsequently requested and trafficking is suspected, the State agency shall refer that case to the State’s fraud

investigation unit. Or the State agency may instead opt to notify the household in writing that the State agency is withholding the card until contact is made. After the household has contacted the State agency, the replacement card will be issued.

Description of Respondents: State agencies (53) and Individuals/Households (292,064).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 292,117.

Frequency of Responses: Annual Reporting.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 27,981.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Administration

Title: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) National Disqualified List.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0584.

Summary of Collection: This collection is a reinstatement, without change, of the currently approved collection. Section 243(c) of Public Law 106–224, the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, amended section 17(d)(5) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1766 (d)(5)(E)(i) and (ii)) by requiring the Department of Agriculture to maintain a list of institutions, day care home providers, and individuals that have been terminated or otherwise disqualified from CACFP participation. The law also requires the Department to make the list available to State agencies for their use in reviewing applications to participate and to sponsoring organizations to ensure that they do not employ as principals any persons who are disqualified from the program. This statutory mandate has been incorporated into § 226.6(c)(7) of the Program regulations. The Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) is still legally required to collect this data and is thereby continuing to collect in violation of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Need and Use of the Information: This is a mandatory information collection that is required under statute. State agencies must provide the information necessary to maintain the National Disqualified List. The State agencies use forms FNS–843 Report of Disqualification from Participation—Institution and Responsible Principals/Individuals and FNS–844 Report of Disqualification from Participation—Individually Disqualified Responsible Principal/Individual or Day Care Home Provider to collect and maintain the disqualification data. These forms are accessed through a web-based National Disqualification List (NDL) system, to collect the contact and disqualification information and reasons on all individuals and institutions that have been disqualified and are therefore ineligible to participate in CACFP. The

information is collected from State agencies as the disqualifications occur so that the list is kept current. By maintaining the web-based system, the Department ensures program integrity by making the NDL data available to sponsoring organizations and State agencies so that no one who has been disqualified can participate in CACFP. Without this data collection, State agencies would not be able to prevent individuals and institutions disqualified in other States from reapplying to participate in CACFP.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 56.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (as needed).

Total Burden Hours: 784.

Rachelle Ragland-Greene,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Business Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed revision to the Annual Business Survey prior to the submission of this information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Matthew.J.Tucker@census.gov. Please reference Annual Business Survey in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit

comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2026–0562 to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Patrice Hall, Assistant Division Chief, R&D and Special Surveys, 301–763–7198, patrice.n.hall@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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 measures research and development (R&D), innovation, business owner characteristics, and other topics of interest. The ABS is a joint statistical project between the Census Bureau and the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).

The 2026 ABS (collected during 2027) will remove the following business owner demographic questions:

- Race
- Ethnicity
- Sex
- Place of Birth
- U.S. Citizenship, and
- Age

Estimates for this data will be produced through use of various administrative data. The Census Bureau, in collaboration with NCSES, plans to research additional administrative and survey data sources to replace the other owner characteristics questions on the survey in future survey cycles. While this research continues, select business owner characteristics questions (*e.g.*, disability, education level) will remain