

The Census Bureau is Seeking Nominations for a National Advisory Committee

The federal government in its efforts to facilitate direct communication with and input from stakeholders across the country houses various advisory committees. These committees are authorized and governed by federal law, and serve a very important purpose. This makes it even more important of the Census (Census Bureau) is requesting nominations of individuals and organizations to the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations. While some federal agencies have advisory committees whose membership is comprised solely of Tribal leaders, the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations of the Bureau of the Census is not – it is a multi-cultural and cross-jurisdictional representation of constituents. In order to ensure an American Indian and Alaska Native voice in the operations of the Bureau of the Census, it is important to support nominations from qualified leaders and community members from Tribal communities.

DATES: Please submit nominations by July 6, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations by Email to the census.national.advisory.committee@census.gov (subject line "2015 NAC Nominations"), or by letter submission to the Committee Liaison Officer, 2015 NAC Nominations, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H185, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233.

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Membership

1. The Committee will consist of up to 32 members who serve at the discretion of the Director.
2. The Committee aims to have a balanced representation among its members, considering such factors as geography, age, gender, race, ethnicity, technical expertise, community involvement, knowledge of hard to count populations, and familiarity with Census Bureau programs and/or activities.
3. The Committee aims to include members from diverse backgrounds, including state, local and Tribal governments, academia, research, national and community-based organizations, and the private sector.
4. Membership shall include individuals, Special Government Employees (SGE), who are selected for their personal expertise with the topics highlighted above and/or

representatives of organizations reflecting diverse populations, national, state, local and Tribal interests, organizations serving hard to count populations, and community-based organizations. SGEs will be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs. Members will be individually advised of the capacity in which they will serve through their appointment letters.

5. Membership is open to persons who are not seated on other Census Bureau stakeholder entities (*e.g.*, State Data Centers, Census Information Centers, Federal State Cooperative on Populations Estimates program, other Census Advisory Committees, etc.). No employee of the federal government can serve as a member of the Committee.

6. Generally, members will serve for a three-year term. All members will be reevaluated at the conclusion of each term with the prospect of renewal, pending advisory committee needs. Active attendance and participation in meetings and activities (*e.g.*, conference calls and assignments) will be considered when determining term renewal or membership continuance. Generally, members may be appointed for a second three-year term at the discretion of the Director.

7. Members are selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee serve without compensation, but receive reimbursement for committee-related travel and lodging expenses.

2. The Committee meets at least twice a year, budget permitting, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Census Director or Designated Federal Officer. All Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public in accordance with the FACA.

Nomination Process

1. Nominations should satisfy the requirements described in the Membership section above.

2. Individuals, groups, and/or organizations may submit nominations on behalf of candidates. A summary of the candidate's qualifications (resume[acute] or curriculum vitae) *must* be included along with the nomination letter. Nominees must be able to actively participate in the tasks of the Committee, including, but not limited to regular meeting attendance, committee meeting discussant responsibilities, review of materials, as well as participation in conference calls, webinars, working groups, and/or special committee activities.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a diverse Advisory Committee membership.