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While the results from the Urban Institute's 1987 survey provide characteristics of homeless persons who used services, it does not include the HPWUS's additional emphasis on geographical and topic coverage as described in A.4. Thus, there is no similar information available that could be used or modified for use for the purposes described.

5. Minimizing Burden on Small Businesses

The Census Bureau plans on using the combined FEMA Local Recipients file to generate county listings of service providers for each county in the survey and mail the listings along with a copy of the HPWUS-100B(X), Local Facility Contacts Questionnaire, to all service providers shown on the FEMA list and all knowledgeable local persons. The government contacts will only be sent the listing of service providers. The knowledgeable local persons and service providers will be asked to review the listing for completeness of all service providers in their area and to add any missed service providers to the list, along with completing the HPWUS - 100B(X) questionnaire. The government contacts will only be asked to review the listing. The Census Bureau believes the file will provide an initial comprehensive listing of service providers currently offering services to the homeless thus reducing the burden of the service providers, government contacts, and knowledgeable local persons. No small businesses will be contacted.

6. Consequences of Less Frequent Collection

Not applicable. This is a one-time survey. The pretest is scheduled to be conducted in April 1995 and the national survey is planned for February 1996.

7. Consistency with 5 CFR 1320.6

The Census Bureau will collect these data in a manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

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