

## SUPPORTING STATEMENT – (Part B)

### B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

#### 1. Universe and Respondent Selection

The mailing list for the COS is derived from the BR. The COS sample will be drawn from this list which consists of all known multi- and single-establishment companies.

| Estimated Universe and Sample    |            |             |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
|                                  | Universe   | Sample Size |
| Multi-establishment enterprises  |            |             |
| Companies                        | 185,000    | 80,000      |
| Establishments                   | 1,600,000  | 15,000      |
| Single establishment enterprises | 5,800,000  | 0           |
| Nonemployer enterprises          | 19,000,000 | 0           |

#### 2. Sampling Procedures

The mailing list for the COS consists of a certainty component including all multi-establishment companies with 50 employees or more. The establishment sample will be drawn by industry.

#### 3. Maximize response rate and non-response

There will be three mail follow-ups plus selected telephone calls to large companies. This has provided an adequate response rate for past surveys. The response rate in previous years has exceeded 84 percent.

#### 4. Testing Procedures

No other test of procedures has been conducted because the methodology is very similar to what has been used successfully since 1973.

#### 5. Contact for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection

Contact Paul Hanczaryk (telephone 301-763-4058) for questions on both statistical aspects and data collection.

Attachments:

A--Form NC-99001

B--Information Sheet NC-99001

C--Comment Letter

D-- Cover Letter