

STATISTICAL METHODS

B1 Potential Respondent Universe

The study will collect data for the universe of tax credit projects. We estimate about 5,000 such projects each year. Data concerning these projects will be collected from 59 state allocating agencies.

B2 Statistical Methods

B2.1 Stratification and Sampling Plans

Not applicable

B2.2 Sampling Procedures

Not applicable

B2.3 Justification of Level of Accuracy

Not applicable

B2.4 Problems Requiring Specialized Sampling Procedures

Not applicable

B2.5 Uses of Less Frequent Data Collection Cycles

See Question A5.

B3 Response Rates

B3.1 Procedures to Maximize Response Rates and Handle Nonresponse

Reporting is the responsibility of the state agencies that allocate credits to individual properties. All of the data should be readily available (in fact, similar data are reported to the IRS, but are not accessible by the public or other federal agencies). Every effort has been made to minimize burden on states. The list of desired variables is limited. The data collection strategy is flexible and will be tailored to the individual circumstances of the states. Maximum use will be made of computerized data systems.

It is essential to the success of the effort that all allocating agencies cooperate with the study. The contractor shall encourage participation through the use of flexible

data collection systems, individual contact with each state to determine the most appropriate reporting method, and long lead times so that states can prepare. Finally, in selected (and cost-efficient) cases, the contractor shall go on-site and collect the data directly from agency files, thus eliminating any burden on state agency staff.

To ensure cooperation, the contractor solicit letters and/or other expressions of support from key actors, including the National Council of State Housing Agencies.

B3.2 Expected Response Rate

The study is designed to be a census of states and their tax credit projects. A 90 percent response from the state agencies is expected.

B4 Tests of Procedures or Methods

The forms and methods discussed above have been used by a previous HUD contractor in a prior data collection for projects placed in service for 1987 through 1994 and by the current contractor for projects placed in service from 1995 through 2005.

B5 Statistical Consultation and Information Collection Agents

B5.1 Consultation on the Statistical Aspects of the Design

Not applicable

B5.2 Information Collection Agents

Information will be collected by a contractor to be designated.

EXHIBIT 1

The following information is requested for each LIHTC project under the jurisdiction of a given Allocating Agency:

Allocating Agency State?

Allocating Agency Name?

Project Identifying Number (if any)?

Project Name?

Project Address?

Owner/Owner's Representative Name and Address?

Annual Amount of Tax Credit Allocation?

Number of Total Units?

Number of Total Units by Size?

Number of Low-Income Units?

Elected Rent/Income Ceiling for Low Income Units?

Are any units set aside to have rents below the elected rent/income ceiling? If Yes, how many?

Year Placed in Service?

Year Project Received Allocation or Bond Issued?

Project Type (e.g., new construction, rehab, existing)?

Credit Percentage (e.g., 9% (i.e., 70% present value) or 4% (i.e., 30% present value) or both)?

Did the project have a non-profit sponsor?

Did the project have an increased basis due to qualified census tract or difficult development area?

Did the project use tax-exempt bonds?

Did the project use a Rural Housing Service (FmHa) Section 515 loan?

Did the project have HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds?

Did the project have an FHA loan? If yes, loan number?

Did the project form part of a HOPE VI development?

Did the project target a specific population?