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Supporting Statement 2007 Part B

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

The survey universe is U.S. commercial cargo/passenger vessel operators. The potential respondent sample for the survey will consist of the approximately 830 operators that comprise the universe. The respondents can be grouped into 10 market segments:

- Ocean (Coastal) Tanker
- Ocean (Coastal) Tank Barge
- Inland Tank Barge
- Ocean Container
- Dry Bulk
- Ocean (Coastal) Dry Cargo Barge
- Inland Dry Cargo Barge
- Offshore Service
- Great Lakes Dry Bulk
- Ferry

2. Procedures for Collecting Information

MARAD will mail a letter to each company's Human Resources Department forwarding the survey and explaining its importance, with a cc to the company's CEO. Responses will be requested within two weeks.

3. Methods to Maximize Response

If responses are not received within two weeks, MARAD will follow up with mailed reminders.

4. Testing of Procedures

MARAD plans no formal testing of the questionnaire since it is quite brief and does not ask for specific data.

5. Contacts for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection

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