

This is an update to the letter sent on September 14, 2009 regarding usability interviews for the online version of the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

In that letter we requested approval to conduct 30 usability interviews—15 interviews with each of two versions of the instrument.

At this time we are conducting a second round of interviews, involving an additional 30 participants during February and March, 2010. These interviews will be conducted with two new versions of the questionnaire. While the initial versions included the placement of the job categories in two columns and tested the sequence of the ‘Next’ and ‘Previous’ buttons, the new versions include a single column of job categories. This will result in the following four versions of the form:

1 column, ‘next’ button first	2 columns, ‘next’ button first
1 column, ‘previous’ button first	2 columns, ‘previous’ button first

These interviews will be conducted by staff from the Census Bureau’s Usability Lab and will involve the same types of respondents, recruited from the same sources, as described in the September 14, 2009 letter. Also as described in that letter, we will provide a \$40 stipend for expenses to each participant who completes a session.

Copies of screens from the two new versions of the questionnaire are attached.

The estimated time for completion of each usability session is one hour. Thus, the total estimated burden time for testing is a maximum of 30 hours.

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## NATIONAL SURVEY OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

Part A - Employment Situation

A4A. Prior to the week of October 1, 2009, when did you last work for pay or profit?

Last Worked: 05 2001

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## NATIONAL SURVEY OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

### Part A - Employment Situation

#### A7. Now we need your help to assign a standardized occupation for the job you described.

Please review the list below and select the broad job category that best describes the kind of work you were doing on your last job held prior to the week of October 1, 2009.

Note: Consultants or Research Associates/Assistants: - Select the category that comes closest to your field.

- Biological/Life Scientists
- Clerical/Administrative Support Occupations
- Clergy and other religious workers
- Computer Occupations
- Counselors
- Engineers/Architects
- Engineering Technologists/Technicians/Surveyors
- Farmers/Foresters/Fishermen
- Health Occupations
- Lawyers, judges
- Librarians, archivists, curators
- Managers/Supervisors, First Line
- Managers, Top-Level Executives and Administrators
- Managers, Other
- Management-Related Occupations
- Mathematical Scientists
- Physical Scientists
- Sales/Marketing Occupations
- Service Occupations, Except Health
- Social Scientists
- Social Workers
- Teachers/Professors
- Other Professions

### Version with 2 columns

#### A16. In the previous question you described your occupation at your principal job held during the week of October 1, 2008 as ABC. Now we need your help to assign a standardized occupation for that job.

Please review the list below and select the broad job category that best describes the kind of work you were doing on your principal held during the week of October 1, 2008.

- Biological/Life Scientists
- Clerical/Administrative Support Occupations
- Clergy/Other Religious Workers
- Computer Occupations
- Consultants
- Counselors
- Engineers/Architects
- Engineering Technologists/Technicians/Surveyors
- Farmers/Foresters/Fishermen
- Health Occupations
- Lawyers/Judges
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### Version with 1 column