

B. STATISTICAL METHODS:

1. Universe and Respondent Selection

ATF will send the information request to approximately 1,500 potential respondents. These respondents represent about one percent of the universe of industry members, law enforcement agencies, and special interest groups with whom ATF works. The nature of the information we are seeking is qualitative and may not lend itself to rigid statistical quantification.

2. Procedures for Collecting Information

The selection of respondents does not represent a true random statistical sample. In some cases we have databases from which we can draw a sample of stakeholders (industry members). For some types of stakeholders we must rely on manual selection. This gathering of information will be conducted for each three year planning cycle under GPRA.

3. Methods to Maximize Response

To enhance the response rate we are sending questionnaires only to those entities which are currently using our services. In case the mailing does not give a satisfactory response, we will be able to conduct a limited number of face to face or telephone interviews of stakeholders.

4. Testing of Procedures

A formal test of the procedure will not be done due to time and cost constraints.

5. Contacts for Statistical Aspects and Data Collection.

The Strategic Planning Office within the Office of the Director of ATF will be responsible for design collection and analysis of the information obtained. The contact person is Lilia Vannett, (202) 648-7064.