B.   Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

   1.   Universe, Respondent Selection, and Response Rates

         Data are collected monthly from a sample of manufactured homes shipped to
         dealers. About 4.0 percent of the roughly 6,800 homes manufactured each month
         are randomly selected for the survey. A list of all manufactured homes is
         provided by manufacturers to the Institute of Building Technology and Safety
         (IBTS). The list identifies the home and shows the name, city, and state of the
         dealership that ordered it. Under contract, the Census Bureau obtains copies of
         these lists from IBTS on a monthly basis. The Form C-MH-9A imprinted with a
         letter signed by the Director of the Census Bureau, (see Attachment 2) explaining
         the survey and identifying the home, is mailed to the manufactured home dealer
         shown as the receiver of the sampled home.
         The dealer is asked to have the answers to the questions available when the
         interviewer telephones for the information. The current response rate is
         approximately 85 percent.

   2.   Statistical Methodology - Estimation Procedures

         Each sampled home is weighted by its probability of selection. The average
         relative standard error of monthly 2008 estimates of placements is 6 percent for
         the United States and approximately 16 percent at the regional level.

   3.   Methods to Maximize Response

         Telephone follow-ups are used to reduce nonresponse.

   4.   Testing of Procedures

         There are no tests of procedures or methods currently planned.

   5.   Contacts

         The Manufacturing and Construction Division staff plans and coordinates the
         survey. This includes the design of the reporting form, sample design and
         selection, collection, tabulation, analysis, and publication.

         The contact person for questions relating to the statistical aspects of the survey is
         Ms. Amy Newman-Smith. She can be reached on 301-763-6595. The contact
         person for questions relating to the collection and analysis of the data is Mr.
         Michael Davis. He can be reached on 301-763-4590.