Attachment F: Background Questionnaire

Questionnaire on Computer-and-Internet Experience and Demographics

1. During the last month, about how many hours did you use the Internet during a typical week?

2. Six months ago, about how many hours did you use the Internet during a typical week?

- 3. Five years ago, about how many hours did you use the Internet during a typical week?
- 4. How much experience have you had with computers to use the Internet? Please check one option.
 - G A great deal
 - G A lot
 - G A moderate amount
 - G A little
 - G None
- 5. How much experience have you had with computers **to do things other than use the Internet**? Please check one option.
 - G A great deal
 - G A lot
 - G A moderate amount
 - G A little
 - G None

6. During the last year, how many times did you complete a survey on the Internet?

- 7. During the last month, where were you when you used the Internet? Please select all places.
 - G Home
 - G Work
 - G School
 - G Library
 - G Another place (specify: _____)
- 8. Do you have a computer with Internet at your home?
 - G Yes
 - G No

8a. What type of internet connection do you typically use? Please check all that apply.

- G Cable Service
- G Dial-up Service
- G DSL Service
- G Satellite Dish Service
- G Fiber-Optic Service
- G Mobile Broadband Plan for a Computer or Cell Phone

8b. Browsers are software on a computer used to surf the Internet. Last month, which Internet browser did you typically use? Please check all that apply.

- G Firefox
- G Google Chrome
- G Internet Explorer
- G Safari
- G Other:

8c. During the last month, what was the operating system on the computer you typically used? Please check all that apply.

G Linux

G MAC OS (version:)

G Windows (version:)
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G Other (specify: _____)

9. During the last week, what are all the things you did **on a computer**? Please check all that apply.

- G Budget Expenses
- G Conducted statistical analyses
- G Looked at and/or edited photos
- G Played video games
- G Typed documents
- G Used the Internet
- G Other (specify _____)

G Other (specify)
G Other (specify)
10. During the last week, how many times did you use th	ne Internet to find information about:
A hobby	
Church	
Finances (e.g., accounting, stocks, mutual funds))
Health or medicine	
Housing	
Legal issues	
Local community activities (e.g., public events) _	
Movie listings	
News	
Organizations (e.g., political groups, American M	edical Association)
Other people (e.g., home addresses, phone num	bers, email addresses)
Personal social activities (e.g., friends' parties) _	
Places (e.g., museums, hotels)	
Public transportation	
Recipes	
Sports	
Stock reports	
Television shows	
The government	
Travel	
Weather	
11. During the last week, how many times did you use the	
Access social networking sites (e.g., Facebook)	
Buy things	
Conduct personal banking	
Contact people via email	
Contact people via instant messaging/chat	
Contact people via video chat	
Download music	
Download, look at, order, and/or edit photos	
Gather information for work	
Join mailing lists	
Make travel reservations	

Pay bills
Play games
Read news
Search library holdings or databases
Sell things
Visit discussion groups
Watch shows or videos

12. How difficult is it for you to learn to use Web sites that you have not visited before?

- G Extremely difficult
- G Very difficult
- G Moderately difficult
- G Slightly difficult
- G Not difficult at all

13. Computer windows can be minimized, resized, and scrolled through. How difficult is it for you to manipulate a computer window?

- G Extremely difficult
- G Very difficult
- G Moderately difficult
- G Slightly difficult
- G Not difficult at all
- 14. How difficult is it for you to use the Internet?
 - G Extremely difficult
 - G Very difficult
 - G Moderately difficult
 - G Slightly difficult
 - G Not difficult at all
- 15. Not including email, how un*comfortable* are you with providing personal information on Internet forms and surveys?
 - G Extremely uncomfortable
 - G Very uncomfortable
 - G Moderately uncomfortable
 - G Slightly uncomfortable

G Not uncomfortable at all

- 16. During last month, how many times did you do complex analyses of data (e.g., using SAS, SPSS, Excel) using a computer?
- 17. How *familiar* are you with the Census Bureau Web site, www.census.gov (e.g., location, tools, terms, data)?
 - G Extremely Familiar
 - G Very Familiar
 - G Moderately Familiar
 - G Slightly Familiar
 - G Not Familiar At All