

Protocol Title: Protocol for Personal and Telephone Interviews with SEI Users

Human Subjects Consent Form
SRI/NCSES Project on the Re-design of *Science and Engineering Indicators*

DESCRIPTION:

SRI International, on behalf of the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), National Science Foundation (NSF), is collecting information on how individuals use the National Science Board’s *Science & Engineering Indicators* report: what questions they are trying to answer, what pieces of the report are used, and how it could be made more useful. The information will help inform a redesign of the structure, presentation, and accessibility of the report in digital format.

The collection is authorized by the NSF Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862 Section 3.a.6) and Section 505 of the America Competes Act. Your responses will be kept confidential. Confidentiality protection is provided by the NSF Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. section 1873 (i)(1)-(3)). Your response is voluntary and failure to provide some of all of the information will not in any way adversely affect you.

To facilitate the note taking, the conversation will be recorded. Everything you say will be treated as confidential and only researchers on the project will have access to the audio files. Your name will not appear in any published report, and your responses will be used only for internal planning purposes by SRI and NCSES. As required by law, only aggregate information can be provided to the National Science Board.

TIME INVOLVEMENT: Your participation will take approximately 60 minutes.

PARTICIPANT’S RIGHTS: If you have read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand your participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time. You have the right to refuse to answer particular questions.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions: If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research, its procedures, risks and benefits, contact the Project Coordinator, John Chase, at john.chase@sri.com. Additional inquiries may be addressed to the Human Subjects Committee, SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, or 650/859-2686.

The extra copy of this consent form is for you to keep.

I agree to participate in the interview and I give consent to be audiotaped

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____