

NASS Review of “Economic Research Service OMB Clearance Package, for Generic Clearance to Conduct Experimental Economic Research from FY2012 through FY2014”

Supporting Statement – Part B

General Comments:

Section B is the portion of the docket discussing population characteristics, sampling procedures, methods for non-response adjustment, and hypothesis testing. No specifics are given in Part B since this is a generic supporting statement designed to cover multiple potential economic hypothesis testing experiments. The docket states that the specific techniques, or statistical practices, will depend on the objectives of the study under investigation. The uniqueness of economic experiments make standard statistical practices and apparatus’ less transparent than other fields of inquiry.

SS.1. Potential Respondent Universe and Sampling Method.....

No specifics given.

SS.2. Procedures for Collection of Information

No specifics given; dependent on objectives of study.

SS.3. Maximizing Response Rates

Due to uniqueness of experiments designed to evaluate economic hypothesis, experimental subjects are often captive by mutual agreement. Therefore, non-response is unlikely except in extreme events.

SS.4. Tests of Procedures or Methods

Small scale experimental test are prescribed before large scale data collection is undertaken. This is excellent experimental procedure which will improve the actual data collection.

SS.5. Consultants Employed

No specifics other than the collaborators will be university professors.