

ATTACHMENT B.2.1: PROTOCOLS FOR ONLINE SURVEY FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

INVITATION EMAIL FOR SURVEY FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

SUBJECT: NIH EIA Program: Invitation to Participate in Survey for Early Independence Principal Investigators

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

The Common Fund of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is doing a process evaluation of its Early Independence Award (EIA) program. An independent company, XXX, has been contracted to conduct the process evaluation. The purpose of this evaluation is to assess how the program is being implemented, assess progress being made by the EIA Principal Investigators, and assess support being provided to the Principal Investigators by the Host Institution. The information collected may be used to make adjustments to improve the EIA program.

We would like to invite you to participate in this online survey to share your experiences and accomplishments as an Early Independence Principal Investigator. This is also an opportunity to provide feedback anonymously.

You can access the online survey at **[Insert Website]**. The online survey should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. For security purposes, the user code for you to access the survey online will be sent in a separate email. You should receive this email shortly.

The website for the survey will be open from [Insert Date] to [Insert Date] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).

Privacy and Participation

Your participation is voluntary and non-participation will have no impact on you or your institution. If you choose to participate, your responses will be kept private under the Privacy Act, and will not be disclosed to anyone but the researchers conducting this study, except as otherwise required by law. You will not be identified by name and information from the study will only be reported in the aggregate. Your responses will be combined with those of other respondents in the final report.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **[Insert [Email Address](#)]** or call **[Insert Phone Number]**.

Sincerely,

Contractor

EMAIL TO PROVIDE USER CODE TO EARLY INDEPENDENCE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

SUBJECT FOR EMAIL: NIH EIA Program Survey: User Code for Early Independence Principal Investigators

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

Thank you in advance for your participation in the online survey.
Below is your user code to access the survey.

USER CODE: [Insert code]

This is an anonymous survey and the information you provide will only be presented in aggregate.
The success of this survey depends on you, and we appreciate your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Thank you,

XXXX

[Insert email address]

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

INTRODUCTION THAT WILL BE INSERTED IN THE ONLINE SURVEY FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

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If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this survey, please email XXXX.

Introduction

Thank you for accessing the survey for the Early Independence Principal Investigator. The Common Fund of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is doing a process evaluation of the Early Independence Award (EIA) program. The purpose of this evaluation is to document EIA program operations and how the program is being implemented at the host institutions. The information collected may be used to make adjustments to improve the EIA program.

We would like to invite you to participate in this online survey. This is an opportunity for you to share your experience as an Early Independence Principal Investigator and provide feedback anonymously. The survey should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers, and you may skip any questions that you do not wish to address. Please note that you can stop at any point and continue at another time.

The website for the survey will be open from [INSERT DATE] to [INSERT DATE] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).

Privacy and Participation

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Agree to Participate

Press "START SURVEY" if you agree to participate. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

START SURVEY

FIRST REMINDER EMAIL FOR CUSTOMER SATISFACTORY ONLINE SURVEY FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

SUBJECT FOR EMAIL: NIH EIA Program: Reminder to Participate in Online Survey for Early Independence Principal Investigators

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

We recently sent you an email invitation to participate in a survey to share your experiences and accomplishments as an Early Independence Principal Investigator. If you have completed the survey, we thank you for your participation. If you have not had the chance to complete the survey, this will be an opportunity for you to share your experiences and provide feedback anonymously. Information about the survey is below.

You can complete the survey at **[Insert website]**. The online survey should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. For security purposes, the user code for you to access the survey online will be sent in a separate email. You should receive this email shortly.

The website for the survey will be open until [Insert date] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Sincerely,

XXXX

[Insert email address]

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

SURVEY INFORMATION

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We would like to invite you to participate in this online survey to share your experiences and accomplishments as an Early Independence Principal Investigator. This is also an opportunity to provide feedback anonymously.

You can access the online survey at **[Insert Website]**. The online survey should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. For security purposes, the user code for you to access the survey online will be sent in a separate email. You should receive this email shortly.

The website for the survey will be open from [Insert Date] to [Insert Date] (11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time).

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Insert [Email Address](#)] or call [Insert Phone Number].

USER CODE FOR THE FIRST REMINDER EMAIL

SUBJECT FOR EMAIL: NIH EIA Program Survey: User Code for Early Independence Principal Investigators

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

Thank you in advance for your participation in the online survey.
Below is your user code to access the survey.

USER CODE: [Insert code]

This is an anonymous survey and the information you provide will only be presented in aggregate.
The success of this survey depends on you, and we appreciate your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Thank you,

XXXX

[Insert email address]

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

**FINAL REMINDER EMAIL FOR ONLINE SURVEY FOR EARLY INDEPENDENCE
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS**

SUBJECT FOR EMAIL: NIH EIA Program: Final Reminder to Participate in Survey for Early Independence Principal Investigators

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

This is the final reminder to participate in the survey to share your experiences and accomplishments as an Early Independence Principal Investigator. **The website for the survey will close [Insert date] at 11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time.**

- You can complete the customer satisfaction survey at **[Insert website]**. The online survey should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. For security purposes, the user code for you to access the survey online will be sent in a separate email. You should receive this email shortly.
- If you have completed the survey, we thank you for your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Sincerely,

XXXX

[Insert email address]

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**

USER CODE FOR THE FINAL REMINDER EMAIL

SUBJECT FOR EMAIL: NIH EIA Program Survey: User Code for Early Independence Principal Investigators

Dear **[Insert title and Name]**

Thank you in advance for your participation in the online survey.
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USER CODE: **[Insert code]**

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The success of this survey depends on you, and we appreciate your participation.

Feel free to contact me with any technical questions you may have.

Thank you,

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[Insert email address]

Contractor

Phone number **[Insert number]**