

**Supporting Statement Part B (Statistical Information) for
RSI/DI Quality Review Case Analysis - Sampled Number Holder; Auxiliaries/Survivors;
Parent; Stewardship Annual Earnings Test
OMB: 0960-0189**

1. We selected a statistically valid sample of all OASDI beneficiaries in current payment status from a respondent universe of approximately 48 million. The sample involves 1,500 cases. Each case in the sample may consist of the number holder (SSA-2930), the auxiliary/survivor (SSA-2931), parent(s) (SSA-2932) and/or the stewardship Annual Earnings Test (AET) workbook (SSA-4659). We use the stewardship review cases to measure the impact of the AET on benefits paid in the closed year (2 years prior to the sample month). The sample involves 325 cases. Based on experience, we anticipate an estimated 96% response rate.
2. We selected the sample from the Master Beneficiary Record through use of a random number generator. The ongoing stewardship review provides a dollar payment error rate of $\pm .2$ percent at the national level, with a 95 percent confidence level.
3. Using in-person interviews maximizes response rates. With the assistance of neighbors, relatives, postal authorities and other local civil authorities, we are able to locate hard to find individuals. We check data for accuracy and consistency, and verify documents used to establish entitlement to benefits are at their source of origin. The sample yields reliable data that can be generalized to the universe.
4. Proven tests of the sampling procedure, since the stewardship reviews have been in existence for several years. We have gathered valuable information by refining the RSI/DI programs.
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