

## Attachment 1- MTurk Recruiting Protocol

### **Phase 1**

The purpose of this task is to identify workers who are renters, so that they can be asked to complete a follow-up 6-8 minute survey about housing characteristics and the amount of rent paid.

1. Do you currently rent an apartment, home, or some other type of structure?
  - Yes
  - No
  
2. (If yes) What is your worker ID? (We will use your ID to contact you for the follow-up survey)

Worker ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Phase 2**

Hello,

We are contacting you because about one week ago you completed a short task that identified you as a renter.

We are inviting you now to participate in a follow-up survey about your rental apartment/home and the amount of rent you pay. The questions you will be answering are being tested as part of a survey for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which is part of the Department of Labor. You will receive \$3.30 for your participation. The questions should take no longer than 8 minutes to complete. You will have five days to complete the survey.

If you are interested in completing this follow-up survey, please click on the link below to access the survey:

- Insert Link to Survey -

Please let me know if you have any questions or need clarification about the task.

## Attachment 2 - Current Housing Questions, Including Current Questions about Rent

(Note: Each question will appear on a separate Web page)

### Introduction

The first question on each page is the survey question of interest. Please answer that question.

If the first question is difficult or hard to answer, please check the appropriate box in the second question below. Otherwise, leave the second question blank.

We are collecting this information under OMB Control Number 1225-0141 (Expiration: April 30, 2018). Without this currently approved number, we could not conduct this survey. This survey is being administered by Qualtrics and resides on a server outside of the BLS Domain. The BLS cannot guarantee the protection of survey responses and advises against the inclusion of sensitive personal information in any response.

1. Are you renting a house, an apartment, or something else?

- House
- Apartment
- Something else

Was this question

- Difficult to understand
- Difficult to answer

Note: the response to this question will determine the fill regarding the type of unit in subsequent questions. The responses will fill as follows:

- House – “house”
- Apartment – “apartment”
- Something else – “unit”

2. When did the person who lives here the longest move in?

- Month:
- Year:

Was this question

- Difficult to understand
- Difficult to answer

<p>3. Is this {house/apartment/unit} owned or operated by a government agency?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Was this question</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to answer</p>	
<p>4. Is this {house/apartment/unit} the primary residence of at least one of the occupants?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Was this question</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to answer</p>	
<p>5. Is anyone living in this {house/apartment/unit} a relative of the landlord?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Was this question</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to answer</p>	
<p>6. (Respondents will get one of the two options below)</p>	
<p>a. How much rent are you paying for this {house/apartment/unit} now?</p> <p>Was this question</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to answer</p> <p>&lt;If difficult&gt; Please explain what was difficult.</p>	<p>b. How much is your rent for &lt;month&gt;?</p> <p>Was this question [Skip to 9 if neither answer is selected]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to answer</p> <p>&lt;If difficult&gt; Please explain what was difficult.</p>
<p>7. (Respondents will get one of the two options below)</p>	

<p>a. What period of time does that rent cover?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> One month</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Two weeks</li> <li><input type="radio"/> One week</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Other – please describe</li> </ul> <p>Was this question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to understand</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to answer</li> </ul> <p>&lt;If difficult&gt; Please explain what was difficult.</p>	<p>b. What is the rental period?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Monthly</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Bi-weekly</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Weekly</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Other – please describe</li> </ul> <p>Was this question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to understand</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to answer</li> </ul> <p>&lt;If difficult&gt; Please explain what was difficult.</p>
<p>8. How many of each of the following rooms does this {house/apartment/unit} have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bedrooms</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Full baths</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Half baths</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All other rooms</li> </ul> <p>Was this question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to understand</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to answer</li> </ul>	
<p>9. When was this structure built?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> 2011-present</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 2001-2010</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 1991-2000</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 1981-1990</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 1971-1980</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 1961-1970</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 1951-1960</li> <li><input type="radio"/> 1900-1950</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Before 1950</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Don't know</li> </ul> <p>Was this question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to understand</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Difficult to answer</li> </ul>	

10. Does the landlord provide free off-street parking?

- Yes
- No

Was this question

- Difficult to understand
- Difficult to answer

<If difficult> Please explain what was difficult.

11. (Respondents will get one of the two options below)

If you have a current lease, how long is it?

- Month-to-month
- 6 months
- 12 months
- 24 months
- No lease
- Other, please describe

Was this question

- Difficult to understand
- Difficult to answer

<If difficult> Please explain what was difficult.

Do you have a lease or other rental agreement?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Was this question

- Difficult to understand
- Difficult to answer

<If difficult> Please explain what was difficult.

<If yes> How long is the current lease agreement?

- Month-to-month
- 6 months
- 12 months
- 24 months
- No lease

Other, please describe

Was this question

- Difficult to understand
- Difficult to answer

<If difficult> Please explain what was difficult.

12. <if there is a lease>

When did the current lease start?

Month:

Year:

Was this question

Difficult to understand

Difficult to answer

<If difficult> Please explain what was difficult.

13. Did the questions successfully capture key facts about your rental and leasing arrangements? If not, please describe what we missed.

Yes, the questions worked well

No, the questions missed some important information – please explain

14. Please share any other comments you have about the questions in this survey.

15. Thank you.