

**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**

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Statistical Methodology

We selected a statistically valid sample of all Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Program (OASDI) beneficiaries in current payment status from a respondent universe of approximately 48 million. The sample involves approximately 1,800 cases. Each case in the sample may consist of the number holder (SSA-2930) and the auxiliary/survivor (SSA-2931), 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. Procedures for Collecting the Information

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. Methods to Maximize Response Rates

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. Tests of Procedures

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.

5. Statistical Agency Contact for Statistical Information

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