

Supporting Statement B on Statistical Methods

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods. Data collection methods and procedures may vary; however, the primary purpose of these collections will be for internal management purposes; there are no plans to publish or otherwise release this information. Information will be collected mainly through a series of online questionnaires administered to entire populations of NEH grant recipients in the designated programs.

1) The potential respondent universe consists of an anticipated 1,230 NEH award recipients. Depending on the program, recipients may be surveyed one to three years after the grant-funded period of performance. Questionnaires will be developed and recipients will be asked to assess the long-term impact of the grants. The questionnaires will consist of a mixture of open-ended and close-ended questions. Qualitative surveys will be used to change or improve programs, products, or services. The accuracy, reliability, and applicability of the results of these surveys are adequate for their purpose.

The samples associated with this collection are not subjected to the same scrutiny as scientifically drawn samples where estimates are published or otherwise released to the public.

2) Data collection methods and procedures will vary and the specifics of these will be provided with each collection request. The Agency expects to use a variety of methodologies for these collections.

3) While voluntary, NEH anticipates that the response rate to these questionnaires will be high. NEH staff will send follow up e-mails or letters to non-respondents.

4) Pretesting may be done with internal staff, a limited number of external colleagues, and/or customers who are familiar with the programs and products. If the number of pretest respondents exceeds nine members of the public, the Agency will submit the pretest instruments for review under this generic clearance.

5) The collection and analysis of information will be overseen by the agency's new Director of Policy, Research, and Analysis. The Director of Policy, Research, and Analysis will oversee the development, design, delivery, and analysis of information requests under this clearance. At the time of submission, this position has yet to be filled. For the time being, please contact Timothy Carrigan, Chief Funding Opportunity Officer, tcarrigan@neh.gov, with questions regarding this submission.