

Supporting Statement B for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

Title: SAFECOM Supplemental Surveys

OMB Control Number: 1670-NEW

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

1. Describe (including numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local government units, households, or persons) in the universe covered by the collection and in the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form for the universe as a whole and for each of the strata in the proposed sample. Indicate expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted previously, include the actual response rate achieved during the last collection.

The Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) will use the SAFECOM Supplemental Surveys to identify changing requirements, mitigate risks, and inform the data collected from the 5-year SAFECOM Nationwide Survey (SNS).

The SAFECOM Supplemental Surveys will be sent to subsets of the emergency communications ecosystem on an as needed basis to inform the results of and improve the SNS. Participation in a SAFECOM Supplemental Surveys are voluntary.

Respondent Universe:

The potential universe of respondents includes various disciplines involved in the emergency communications ecosystem including state, territorial, tribal, and local response organizations. The respondent's universe would mimic the SAFECOM Nationwide Survey's respondent's universe or be limited to a specific subset of the population. The respondent's universe can include:

1. State/Territorial-level government department/agencies/entities that have a role in emergency response. These department/agencies/entities will include State and Territorial Emergency Management or Homeland Security Agencies, State and Territorial National Guard Bureaus or Departments of Military, State and Territorial Law Enforcement Agencies, State and Territorial Departments of Transportation, State and Territorial Chief Information, Technology, or Cybersecurity Offices or Officers, State and Territorial Public Health Agencies, State and Territorial Alerting Authorities, State and Territorial Forestry or Fire Services, State and Territorial Public Works and Utilities
2. All federally recognized Tribal Nations
3. Local level entities involved in the emergency communications ecosystem across the United States, Territories and District of Columbia

The SAFECOM Supplemental Surveys will be open to the relevant subset of the respondent pool. When Supplemental Surveys will be used, the sampling methodology and estimated

responses will be provided as part of the generic submission. We anticipate the appropriate subset of respondents will include less than 250 respondents for each supplemental survey.

2. Describe the procedures for the collection of information including:

- Statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection,

When Supplemental Surveys will be used, the statistical and sampling methodologies will be provided as part of the generic submission. Given the small number of responses being sought for supplemental surveys, we do not anticipate complex statistical and sampling methodologies.

- Estimation procedure,

When Supplemental Surveys are used with statistical and sampling methodologies, the estimation procedure will be provided as part of the generic submission.

- Degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification,

When Supplemental Surveys are used with statistical and sampling methodologies, the degree of accuracy needed will be provided as part of the generic submission.

- Unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures, and

Not applicable.

- Any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

Not applicable.

3. Describe methods to maximize response rates and to deal with issues of non-response. The accuracy and reliability of information collected must be shown to be adequate for intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided for any collection that will not yield “reliable” data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

When Supplemental Surveys will be used, a non-response plan will be provided as part of the generic submission.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Testing is encouraged as an effective means of refining collections of information to minimize burden and improve utility. Tests must be approved if they call for answers to identical questions from 10 or more respondents. A proposed test or set of tests may be submitted for approval separately or in combination with the main collection of information.

Not applicable.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on statistical aspects of the design and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

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