

# Survey of State Underage Drinking Prevention Policies and Practices

## Supporting Statement

### **B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

#### **1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods**

The respondent universe includes all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The STOP Act mandates that the State Report include data for each of the 50 states. SAMHSA assumes that Congress intended to include the District of Columbia, which is typically included in such surveys to promote inclusion of policies and programs that affect U.S. citizens. For example, the data from APIS that will supplement the *State Survey* includes District of Columbia underage drinking legal policies.

#### **2. Information Collection Procedures**

A letter with a link to the *State Survey* will be sent to each state governor's office and the Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia (Attachment 4). The Governor's letter includes the name of the previously designated STOP Act *Survey* contact and requests confirmation of that designee or assignment of a new contact. Based on past experience in administering the *Survey*, it is anticipated that the governors will designate staff from state agencies that have access to the requested data (typically State Alcohol Beverage Control [ABC] agencies and State Substance Abuse Program agencies).

SAMHSA will provide both telephone and electronic technical support to state agency staff and will emphasize that the states are only expected to provide data that is readily available and are not required to provide data that has not already been collected. SAMHSA has also recruited key stakeholders groups to encourage complete and accurate responses to the *State Survey* and to identify issues that arise among respondents. In particular, the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors, the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association, the National Prevention Network, and the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association have agreed to serve in this role. These four organizations work closely with the state agencies most likely to be tasked by state governors to complete the *State Survey*.

SAMHSA will regularly monitor the states' responses to the *Survey*. Emails offering technical support and a reminder of the deadline will be sent to each *Survey* contact on a weekly basis. At week 6, emails and phone calls will be made to those state agencies that have not completed the *Survey* to identify, any roadblocks they are facing, and to attempt to define a timeline for completion.

Data entered by state agencies will be available to SAMHSA electronically and will be downloaded into Excel spreadsheets.

#### **3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates**

In the past seven years in which the *State Survey* has been administered, SAMHSA has had a 100 percent completion rate. Thus, there is no need to develop methods to maximize the response rate.

#### **4. Tests of Procedures**

The *State Survey* has been administered for seven years now and the procedures originally set out have been operating smoothly; thus there has been no need for testing of additional procedures.

#### **5. Statistical Consultants**

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List of Attachments

- Attachment 1      The STOP Act –ICCPUD members
- Attachment 2      Data Collection Instrument -- State Survey
- Attachment 3      Sample Data Tables
- Attachment 4      Letter to Governors/Mayor of DC