

Department of Transportation

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT – PART B

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

If the collection of information employs statistical methods, it should be indicated in Item 17 of OMB Form 83-I, and the following information should be provided in this Supporting Statement:

1. Description of the Activity

Describe the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other method used to select respondents. Data on the number of entities covered in the collection should be provided in tabular form for the universe as a whole and for each of the strata in the proposed sample. Indicate the expected response rates for the collection as a whole, as well as the actual response rates achieved during the last collection, if previously conducted.

U.S. Department of Transportation will conduct another survey on "Acquisition 360 – Improving the Acquisition Process through Timely Feedback from External and Internal Stakeholders" as explained in the White House Memorandum for Chief Acquisition Officers / Senior Procurement issued on March 18, 2015. The potential respondent universe would be all vendors who submitted proposals, whether they were in the competitive range or not, shall be asked to rate various aspects of the acquisition process, such as the strength of the requirements development process, the clarity of the solicitation, and the efficacy of the agency in executing awards and debriefing offerors. The post-award survey shall be voluntary and confidential for the vendors. Similarly, the survey does not convey any protections, rights, or grounds for protest, but creates a way for vendors to give the government constructive feedback about the pre-award and debriefing process on a specific acquisition.

2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

Describe any of the following if they are used in the collection of information:

- a. Statistical methodologies for stratification and sample selection; -- *Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.*

b. Estimation procedures; *N/A. Please see 2.a above.*

c. Degree of accuracy needed for the Purpose discussed in the justification; *N/A. Please see 2.a above.*

d. Unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; -- *There are no special circumstances. The information collected will be voluntary and will not be used for statistical purposes.*

and

e. Use of periodic or cyclical data collections to reduce respondent burden. *N/A. Please see 2.a above.*

3. Maximization of Response Rates, Non-response, and Reliability

Discuss methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with instances of non-response. Describe any techniques used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of responses is adequate for intended purposes. Additionally, if the collection is based on sampling, ensure that the data can be generalized to the universe under study. If not, provide special justification. *The information collected will be voluntary and will not be used for statistical purposes. No sampling will be used for this information collection.*

4. Tests of Procedures

Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Testing of potential respondents (9 or fewer) is encouraged as a means of refining proposed collections to reduce respondent burden, as well as to improve the collection instrument utility. These tests check for internal consistency and the effectiveness of previous similar collection activities.

5. Statistical Consultation and Information Analysis

a. Provide names and telephone number of individual(s) consulted on statistical aspects of the design. *The information collected will not be used for statistical purposes.*

b. Provide name and organization of person(s) who will actually collect and analyze the collected information.