

APPENDIX C: Data Instrument Collection Testing Participation Generic Consent Form¹²

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Introduction

This research seeks to support the mission of the NASA Office of STEM Engagement by asking you to take part in a (focus group/cognitive interview/ instrument development testing) pertaining to our interest in the ways in which NASA project activities impact outcomes for participants.¹³ The information we collect will help us to improve the nature of the project activity and the accuracy with which NASA Office of STEM Engagement can report to the community about the project activities it offers.

Purpose of the Study

Determine the degree to which this instrument accurately captures the ways participant outcomes are measured by this data collection instrument.

Description of Study Procedures

Participants will be asked to complete XXX.

There are no foreseeable risks to participants electing to participate in this study.

Estimation of Time Required

We estimate it will take you an average of [enter #] minutes to participate in this research (ranging from [enter #] minutes to [enter #] minutes).

Securing Your Responses

Under no circumstances will the results of your surveys be shared with anyone without your explicit permission. The results of this research may be presented at meetings or in publications,

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¹³ This clearance package is to obtain permission to develop instruments to be used in testing that will be approved by OMB first for inclusion under this clearance prior to testing.

however your identity will not be disclosed. Presentations and manuscripts typically contain participants' quotes, but participants are never identified by name. Your involvement in the development of this instrument is entirely voluntary and you have the right to discontinue participation at any time.

Contact Persons

If you have any additional questions concerning the research, this informed consent, or confidentiality of responses, please contact Richard L. Gilmore Jr., Evaluation Manager, at richard.l.gilmore@nasa.gov or call (216)433-5493.

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I have read and understand the contents of this study information and informed consent form and have been encouraged to ask questions. I have received answers to the questions I have asked. I give my consent to participate freely in this research. I have signed and retained a copy of the information and consent form for my records and future reference. **I have signed and submitted this information and consent form for the researcher's records.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Participant's printed name

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Researcher's signature

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