

**Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration
Information Collection Request (ICR)
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United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Alumni Survey**

SUPPORTING STATEMENT B

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Potential Respondent Universe

Approximately 200 students graduate from the Academy each year. The goal of USMMA alumni surveys is to seek perceptions from all those who graduated within the last ten years. Those entering the 10-year window will receive three surveys during that period (immediately upon graduation, and at a five and ten-year mark). Overall, the surveys will be sent via e-mail link to approximately 600 graduates, and no special sampling techniques will be used.

2. Procedures for Information Collection

Survey all alumni three times during a 10-year window beginning one-year post graduation. The interval between receiving surveys is four years or longer. No statistical methodology is used for stratification or sampling. Expected response rate is 25%.

3. Methods to Maximize Response Rate

USMMA will seek assistance from the Maritime Administration Office of Maritime Labor, Training and Safety, and the USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation (USMMA AAF) to disseminate the survey link and encourage participation in an effort to maximize the response rate.

4. Describe Tests of Procedures or Methods

All universities conduct alumni surveys routinely, which are required for maintaining institutional and programmatic accreditation. No special tests are required.

5. Consultation Information

The surveys were prepared by the Academy's two degree granting departments, Marine Transportation and Marine Engineering, under the supervision of the Academic Dean and Provost. Once the responses are received, faculty members from the two degree granting departments and the Office of Institutional Assessment will analyze the data, under the supervision of the Academic Dean and Provost.

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