

PART B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

No statistical methods will be involved in analyzing the responses to this survey. It is FinCEN's intention to review all comments submitted in response to the survey.

1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection methods to be used.¹

As explained in Part A of this supporting statement, this is a pilot project in which FinCEN will distribute the survey to principal MSBs through their trade associations. FinCEN estimates there are 24,856 principal MSBs. To generate nationally representative findings at a 95 percent confidence level with strong precision, FinCEN wants to collect approximately 400 completed responses. This sample size will produce a roughly ± 5 percent margin of error.

The survey is voluntary, so FinCEN recognizes that not all principal MSBs will respond to the survey. It is FinCEN's intention to review all responses to the survey.

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

See the explanation in response to Item 1 (Part B).

3. Describe methods to maximize response rates and to deal with issues of non-response.³

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4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken.⁴

All survey responses will be reviewed.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on statistical aspects of the design and the name of the agency unit, contractors, grantees, or other person(s) who will

¹ If available and/or applicable, the 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 had been conducted previously, include the actual response rate achieved during the last collection.

² If available and/or applicable, including: Statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection. Estimation procedure. Degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification. Unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures, Any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

³ If available and/or applicable, 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.

⁴ If available and/or applicable, 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.

actually collect or analyze the information for the agency.

No individuals outside the agency were consulted on the statistical aspects of this information collection. Statistical design was developed internally by full-time employees and embedded contractors of FinCEN's Regulatory and Strategic Affairs Division. Those same individuals will ultimately collect and analyze information received in response to the survey.

For questions about statistical aspects of this collection, contact FinCEN's Regulatory Support Section by submitting an inquiry at www.fincen.gov/contact.