



Sampling Design Workshop Planning Committee

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- **Proposal** (ICC & NCSAC, June '03)
 - Committee & Membership
 - Proposed objectives and direction
- **Charge to the Committee**
 - Provide documents to inform sampling decisions
 - "Background" white papers
 - Design options to address **ICC/NCSAC Criteria**
 - Identify NCS requirements to guide development of alternative sampling designs ("**Givens**")
 - Plan, organize and conduct workshop
 - **NOT** to decide on design



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“Background” documents include:

- Options for the Initial NCS Sample
 - Definitions and types of options available
- Recruitment and Retention
 - Rates and their impact on design selection
 - Optimal strategies for NCS
- Measurement needs
 - Design requirements and burden
- Others: e.g., the case for, and arguments against, probability sampling in the NCS



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Charge for Sampling Design Papers – the Purpose is to:

- Provide guidance on basic requirements for the NCS sampling design
- Reduce the number of alternative features and assumptions
- Reflect the current status of NCS planning (since Westat report was developed)
- Ensure that a range of options are considered (provide balanced input to the Workshop)



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- **Workshop Format** based on NIH Consensus Conference 'model' - adapted for our needs
- Key components:
 - science and the literature are mature enough to inform the decision
 - panel members have relevant expertise but no vested interest in the result
 - panel reviews available information and must reach consensus within a specified time period
- Panel will recommend designs/features to be pilot tested



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Committee/Workshop Status:

- Committee to complete specifications for white papers and design paper(s) for contractor
 - Final papers - available by Nov. 2003
- Identify criteria and candidates for Workshop Chair, panel members, speakers
 - Invited/accepted by Oct-Nov 2003
- Finalize format, location, and timing of Workshop
 - Workshop likely to occur in Jan-Feb 2004