

Disclosure Review Board Minutes

3/8/10

Attendees: Marie Pees, Arnie Reznick, Jason Lucero, Mark Asiala, Phil Gbur, Rebecca Rubiera, Tom Blatt, Laura Zayatz, Susan Bucci, Judy Eargle, guests: (b) (6)

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1. Tabulation for (b) (6)

This was approved. The data will be rounded as all ACS tabulations. In the near future, there will be an agenda item concerning a cut-off point (percentage of original size) for geographic areas with populations that decrease over time.

2. (b) (6) four requests

For the first 3 requests (rural statistical areas, San Fernando Valley, and California Endowment), user defined geographic areas should be compared with geographic areas for which we already publish data to avoid "slivers" of geography (any small areas that could be obtained through subtraction). After the meeting, Laura asked (b) (6) to send his program that detects these problems to (b) (6). (b) (6) sent the program and also some examples.

For the fourth request on AIAN veterans (not official at this point --- just seeking advice), we would probably say that there must be at least 50 unweighted cases in the universe for a given geography.

3. ACS-FSCPE

The data should be divided into what is published and what is not. Anything not published in any table would have to be reviewed by the DRB and treated as a special tabulation. Synthetic data should be used for the VISART demo.

4. DSEP paper

The DRB feels that sensitivity should be considered (not necessarily by the DRB, but somewhere in the CB) before releasing data products.

5. Department of Justice table (a preliminary discussion)

This table would have more than 100 cells, and thus would not be shown for block groups.