Grant Title: METHODOLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN THE BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Area of Research: Research to improve the quality and scientific power of data collected in the behavioral and social sciences.

Release and Expiration: November 20, 2006 release; May 2, 2008 expiration.

Annual Deadline: R01-New: February 5, June 5, October 5 annually; Resubmissions: March 5, July 5, November 5 annually; R03, R21-New: February 16, June 16, October 16 annually; Resubmissions: March 16, July 16, November 16 annually; AIDS Related: May 1, September 1, January 2 annually.

Amount: R01: Typically, up to $250,000 or over $250,000 using the $25,000 modules; R03: $50,000 per year; maximum of $100,000 over a 2 year period; R21: $275,000 direct costs for the 2 year period

Length of Support: R01: Up to 5 years; R03: 2 years; R21: 2 years

Eligible Applicants: For-profit and not-for-profit, public or private organizations, units of state and local governments, eligible agencies of the Federal Government, domestic or foreign institutions/organizations, faith-based or community-based organizations, Indian/Native American Tribal governments and organizations.

Agency/Department: NIH; OBSSR, NCI, NCCAM, NHLBI, NICHD, NIEHS, NINDS, NINR, NIA, NIAAAA, NIDCD, NIDA, ODS

Summary: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to encourage research that will improve the quality and scientific power of data collected in the behavioral and social sciences, relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. Within the broad spectrum of research defined by these areas, applicants are particularly encouraged (but are not required) to consider studies that address one or more of the following key issues: Methodology and measurement issues in developing innovative interdisciplinary, multimethod, and multilevel research designs for use in behavioral and social science research, with special emphasis on both developing new technologies and addressing the analytical complexities associated with the integration of behavioral, social, and biological data; Methodology and measurement issues in research relating to diverse populations, for example, populations that are distinctive by virtue of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture, including culture-specific medical systems, socio-economic status, literacy, language, or disability; Methodology and measurement issues in studying how dramatic changes in economic, social, environmental, physical, or political context affect human health and well-being, including developing new methods if older ones are no longer valid in the face of significant changes in populations and societies over the last several decades; Methodology and measurement issues in studying potentially sensitive behaviors, such as sexual behavior and abortion, and covert or illegal behaviors such as drug use, abuse, and violence; and Methodology and measurement issues concerning ethics in research, with emphasis on the topics of informed consent, assessment of risk and benefit, and selection and retention of subjects, and ensuring subjects’ confidentiality.