
The goal of this study was to develop a statistically sound and standardized survey methodology for gathering expenditure and employment data on OCS-related activities. Barriers to gathering the data were identified and a questionnaire was developed and tested. Data gathering was limited by budget constraints. This report details the effort to create a methodology and to conduct a sample survey. The methodological approach is explained so that subsequent surveyors can replicate or improve the approach. Survey instruments were developed with input from both MMS and industry and are attached in an appendix. The report describes the three survey waves and discusses the problems encountered.

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