

STANDARDS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF FEDERAL DATA ON RACE AND ETHNICITY

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has revised the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity¹ and according to the new standard there will be five minimum categories for data on race (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White) and one category for data on ethnicity ("Hispanic or Latino"). **Respondents will be able to report more than one race by choosing multiple responses to the race question.** The purpose of the revised classification is to reflect the increasing diversity of the U.S. population that has resulted primarily from growth in immigration and in interracial marriages. The new standards were used by the Bureau of the Census in the 2000 decennial census.

In light of these developments, we need to plan for the transition to the new classification on race and ethnicity in the *ARL Annual Salary Survey*. To facilitate this transition we are requesting the data based on the new standard classification on race and ethnicity as **optional** data categories in the 2006-07 *ARL Annual Salary Survey*.

To collect the information in this new format from the library employees, a mini survey is included at the bottom of this note. Respondent self-identification is the preferred method and should be facilitated to the greatest extent possible according to the federal guidelines. By filling in the information below we will be able to get some optional data in the 2006-07 *ARL Annual Salary Survey* and determine the impact of the definitional and methodological changes.

The minimum categories for data on race and ethnicity for Federal statistics are defined as follows:

1. Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino. A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- Not Hispanic or Latino.

2. Race:

- American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

¹ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/b00-02.html> and <http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/fedreg/ombdir15.html>

-- Asian. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

-- Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

-- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

-- White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Please, fill in the following form using the above definitions:

Name: _____

NOTE: Please answer BOTH Questions 1 and 2.

1. Ethnicity (Select one or more):

Hispanic or Latino

Not Hispanic or Latino

2. Race (Select one or more):

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Please return this form to the library personnel office, attn:

Thank you very much for your responses.