

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Use of Experiments for Policy Research and Market Design

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,) ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Experiments hold the promise of revealing useful information on the design and implementation of government policies, especially newly conceived or novel policies. A spectrum of experiment-types are available that vary in their capacity to address an issue of concern, while reflecting behavior of the actual population of interest. To illustrate the capabilities of experimental methods, case studies are presented – using several often used experimental criteria -- that consider auction design, measurement of discount rates, geographic agglomeration of retired land, and marketing of USDA programs.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers  
[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/22/15 End: 09/28/16 Completed: 09/28/16

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No  
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:  
How:  
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No  
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No

