

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Food Assistance National Input-Output Multiplier (FANIOM) Model and Estimation of the Fiscal Stimulus Effects of SNAP

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) Technical Bulletin

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

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Subject of Review: The Economic Research Service utilizes the Food Assistance National Income-Output Multiplier (FANIOM) model to represent and measure linkages between USDA's domestic food assistance programs, agriculture and the U.S. economy. This report describes the data sources and the underlying assumptions and structure of the FANIOM model. In addition to documenting the FANIOM model, the report illustrates the use of the model to estimate the multiplier effects from the benefits issued by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program). During an economic downturn, an increase in SNAP benefits provides a fiscal stimulus to the economy through a multiplier process. The study also examines the different types of multipliers for different economic variables that are estimated by an Input-output multiplier model and macroeconomic model and considers alternative estimates of jobs impact. A GDP multiplier of 1.79 for SNAP benefits from the FANIOM model is comparable with multipliers from some macroeconomic models.

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: 03/26/10 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: 06/18/10

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

