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Policy Oriented Stakeholder and Investor Testing for Innovative and Effective Regulation



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Vision

- **Test** effects of policies on investors before rolling out
- Increase effectiveness of regulations and SEC as regulator
- Measure and monitor developments with investors and other financial market participants
- Estimate effects of policies and other activities
- Promote evidence-driven policymaking and a culture of learning
- Encourage outcome-oriented performance metrics in tracking organizational effectiveness
- Integrate academic and policy research into the policymaking process on issues of household finance

Investor Testing: Multi-Mode Multi-Purpose Data Collection



Testing (Design of Regulations)

(often) Ex-Ante testing framework Measurement (Investor Tracking) Outcomes Impact Evaluation (Organizational Effectiveness)

Ex-post testing framework

Contemporaneous

Surveys: A Puzzle Piece

- Investor testing is not surveys, but surveys key measurement tool
- Opinion polls limited in value:
 - Often insufficient data collected for analysis
 - Rarely used in serious quantitative studies
 - Ambiguous results Actionable policy implications?
- High Quality Measurement Surveys:
 - Can help measure contemporary economic conditions
 - Accuracy and frequency crucial to utility
 - Measurement surveys: "how are things going?"

Q: Will the rule work?

METHOD: SURVEY TEST



Q: Will the rule work?

METHOD: FIELD TEST



Iterative Rapid Deployment Partnership

Rapid:

- Flexible Contracting Framework
- High quality, probability-based surveys
- Reduces: costs, development time

Iterative:

• Research findings inform future research endeavors

Partnership:

• OIAD takes the lead in developing tests with academic partners, rather than relying on handoff to contractors.

Iterative Research Model



Indicative Development Plan:

Phase I: focus on Topical Research Streams

- Discrete/finite research studies
- Collect qualitative and quantitative data
- Focus: estimation of treatment effects
- Launch 1-2 topics/year
- May involve multiple, iterative tests



Indicative Development Plan

- Phase II: Periodic Measurement Surveys
 - Complement and leverage other public-use microdatasets
 - Frequency conducive to academic and policy needs
 - Useful to academic community public use microdatasets
 - Integrate with agency performance management

Conclusion

- Thank you to all who have been so supportive
- An endeavor that everyone can get behind
- Leadership support is crucial
- Want to change culture over time