

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Measuring Access to Healthful, Affordable Food in American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Areas

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

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

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Subject of Review: American Indian and Alaska Native populations have about two times the rate of nutrition-related health deficiencies, including cardio-vascular disease, diabetes, and obesity, as non-Hispanic white Americans. This report analyzes sources of healthful, affordable food in tribal areas, a factor which may influence diet and food choices. Access to large grocery stores and supermarkets—a reliable source of healthful, affordable food—may vary by tribal area and access type. American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) tribal area populations are mostly rural. Spatial analysis will be used to estimate the percent of individuals that live on Federal reservations or in Alaska Native Village areas are within one mile of a supermarket—considered walking distance. Other measures of access reported include supermarkets authorized for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) locations.

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: 04/01/14 End: 7/7/2014 Completed: 7/7/2014

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

