



CALL FOR PAPERS: TOTAL SURVEY ERROR

***Public Opinion Quarterly* seeks submissions for a 2010 special issue of the journal devoted to total survey error.**

The total survey error concept emphasizes the interactions among multiple error sources arising from the measurement process, nonresponse, the sampling frame, the sampling process and data processing. Papers that deal with only one source of error (such as nonresponse bias or measurement error variance) are discouraged. Some examples of topics that are solicited in this call include but are not limited to:

- simultaneous evaluations of the contributions to survey error of two or more error sources; for example, the interaction between nonresponse and measurement errors;
- methods for reducing the errors from multiple sources through optimal survey design and post-survey statistical adjustments;
- methods for simulating the effects of multiple error sources on the data quality;
- reviews of the literature and meta-analyses of total survey error and its impact on survey methodology;
- new methods for simultaneously estimating the multiple components of the total mean squared error;
- reports on efforts to evaluate total survey error in complex surveys;
- uses of prior estimates of nonsampling error in the design of new surveys or for allocating resources for survey error reduction;
- trade-offs among the components of total survey error; for example, the trade-off between sampling variance and nonsampling bias; and
- exemplary studies of nonsampling error components and their findings.

Highly technical papers are acceptable as long as they provide ample translation into language accessible by a less technical audience.

The deadline for manuscript submissions is **February 15, 2010**. To submit a manuscript, please follow the manuscript preparation instructions provided at the journal's website.

Blinded and unblinded electronic copies of the paper should be submitted online at **<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/poq>**, and it should be clearly stated in a cover letter that the manuscript is for consideration of the total survey error special issue.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed in accord with normal journal practice. For queries about this special issue, please feel free to contact special guest editor, Paul P. Biemer at ppb@rti.org.