Report of the Transparency Initiative Coordinating Committee (TICC)
September 20, 2012

This month's TICC report was made verbally by the TICC Chair to AAPOR's Council during their meeting on September 20. The following activities were reported:

- The TICC met on August 28 to review and discuss a fifth draft of the Transparency Initiative's proposed policies and procedures. While steady progress continues to be made, the complexity of the proposed TI processes continues to require review and consideration of multiple details. This work will continue until we produce a draft around which there is consensus that it is ready for Council review.

- The TICC again met on September 19 to review a sixth draft of the proposed TI policies and procedures document. Based on that meeting, a much smaller set of issues and revisions are now being addressed and we are hopeful that a final version can be approved during our next conference call, scheduled for October 10. Ideally, TICC will be able to submit the proposed set of TI policies and procedures to Council in time for discussion during their October 18 meeting.

- A draft timeline for the second TI pilot test is also being developed and will be considered during TICC's October 10 meeting. We do not anticipate the pilot test being implemented before 2013 and actual timing will be dependent on how quickly TICC and AAPOR's Council are able to come to agreement on the details of the proposed policies and procedures document. Timing of the pilot will also be dependent on how quickly we are able to develop the online educational materials that will need to be in place prior to the pilot.

- Also in advance of our next meeting, TICC members will be assigned to review existing methodological reports (contributed by the various organizations at which TICC members are employed) for purposes of evaluating the time that might be necessary for AAPOR auditors to make determinations as to whether or not materials submitted to TICC are TI-compliant.