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Moderators Moderators Language La

designing a focus group facility

by Harold Meier

Editor's note: Harold Meier is president of Technical Analysis Inc., a research firm based in Teaneck, N.J.

oderators and clients in the years ahead want more than just market research from a focus group facility—they're looking for fun, a lot of personal support and an office away from home. The implications of these changing demands mean that facility owners will probably face a large financial investment sometime in the near future.

These are the conclusions we drew from what clients and moderators said. My firm is expanding its base in New Jersey to an operation in Chicago (and, we hope, to other cities), so we asked the people we thought knew best to tell us what they thought would really make a distinctive, unique and absolutely spe-

cial focus facility.

A year ago we sent a letter to moderators who had visited our Teaneck facility asking them for ideas we could incorporate in a Chicago site. We approached them like this because we did not want to hear just the customary responses. We knew it would be nice to have big rooms. We knew it would be good to have managers who cared. What we wanted were responses stated as flamboyantly and dramatically as possible.

Nor were we concerned with quantitative responses. The frequency was less important than the urgency or the impact of what was said. I suppose that makes this a qualitative survey.

Several areas of concern surfaced: service and management; business facilities; technical capabilities; construction specifics; recruiting; security; and miscellaneous. Below you'll find a list of suggestions and our interpretations, in our own descending order of importance and magnitude.

Personal service and good management

Service and management emerged in a variety of forms. Respondents thought staying in touch during the recruitment period was one of the more important aspects, as was considerate treatment of the client. "Know the moderator by name," they advised. Other suggestions included: "Have the general manager meet clients personally when they arrive." "Make sure the host knows the specs and help make sure the moderator can select the better ones in the group." "Have grids available as I arrive."

If you think about it a little, nearly everything on the list reflects

management's efforts to provide service. All of these add up to one big word: HELP.

It's often tough to juggle client and moderator anxieties — four secretaries and 27 other assistants seem the minimum that makes them comfortable and satisfied. (That's not so unusual. Everyone knows what an asset a great secretary — even one — can be. And when you have 10 clients and you're serving food, the whole project becomes a matter of good management.)

One consequence is that there will probably be a gradually increasing emphasis on professional manage-

ment and good training. A strong, active facility may often have multiple departments and a number of full-time people. The staff at our New Jersey location, for example, is up to 40 full- and part-time people over the year. This requires management skills, which will be more highly valued in the years ahead.

Of course, management is the great equalizer. That's why the smaller facility, when run by a caring owner/operator, continues to offer a great bargain.

Never enough phones

Think of the facility as an office, moderators said. One of the more frequent requests was for an anteroom, phone room, or phone booth for more private space to make and receive phone calls, and where M.D. respondents can answer their beepers. In fact, our own experience proves that there are almost never enough phones available, especially when breaks occur during the session and four or five people simultaneously need

a phone.

Other frequent requests were for:

- Notetakers (underscoring once more the need for secretarial assistance).
- Computer support. We were surprised at how frequently this was suggested. People who travel with their own laptop computers asked for dedicated phone lines for modems. Others wanted a computer and printer dedicated to client use, with or without secretarial assistance. They requested IBMs (or clones) and Macs. They also requested such programs as WordPerfect, Wordstar, Q&A, and desktop publish-

ing programs. (It's been our experience that these capabilities are only requested occasionally. But when they are — usually without warning — they may be crucial to the project.

- · Copier availability.
- Easels and flip charts.
- An electronic presentation board that could turn notes into 8.5" x 11" copies.

Only one moderator asked for information about the retail areas nearby and the amenities available in the area. It seems, however, that one of the natural consequences of the drive toward busi-

ness support will be that these facilities be located in areas that offer strong supporting services including good hotels and restaurants, electronic retailers, and office and art supply stores.



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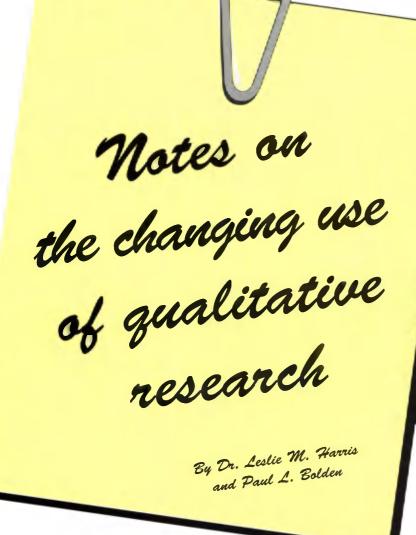
Technical capabilities and special facilities

The special facility goes well beyond supplying a one-way mirror and simple recording equipment.

The most frequent request is for complimentary built-in video capabilities. It's no longer feasible to look at video recording as anything other than a normal and expected part of the facilities. The same holds true for built-in TV monitors in the viewing room and phone room. Some moderators want multiple cameras in order to get the right views.

Technical capability also means: having enough electrical outlets to allow for computerized notetaking during the session; volume control, with client access, in the viewing room;

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care, financial services and telecommunications. (See Table 1.) Other growth areas include direct marketing, retailing organizations, and professional and business groups, with more focus on small-business decision



makers and international projects.

Although the number of groups is increasing, the number of groups conducted by each client is decreasing. Clients who used to schedule eight to 10 groups have cut the number to four or six, for budgetary reasons.

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his report is based on a mail survey of 100 moderators conducted during September and October 1993. Forty moderators responded to the survey, which consisted of a single-page questionnaire covering

the following topics related to focus groups: trends in focus group use; whether the moderator was doing more or fewer groups; categories researched most frequently; and which cities were used most frequently.

Today focus groups are being conducted all over the country and for every possible product and service category.

The industries reported to be researched most frequently include health Table 1

Categories researched most frequently

Health care

Financial services

Telecommunications (products and services)

Packaged food and beverage products

Health and beauty aids

High tech

Pharmaceuticals

Business-to-business

Automobiles

Apparel (including sports apparel)

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persons, and one-on-one interviews are being substituted for the traditional 10-person group. Historically, the quantitative survey has been the traditional approach of consumer research. Research is now viewed by many companies as a more holistic framework, combining the insight of the focus group and the hard facts of the quantitative study. More groups are conducted as a complement to the structured interview of the quantitative survey.

Although some companies are doing more qualitative research than before, they are using it quantitatively. They want to know what percent of the group said this, and they want it included in the report. In addition, companies are now recognizing the need to better understand what the customer wants, what the issues of concern are, and what the

real values are that the consumer or buyer perceives.

According to Mary Rubin, manager of qualitative research at Maritz Marketing Research in St. Louis, customer satisfaction studies now represent 70% of the qualitative work conducted by her group. Irv Merson, president of the Qualitative Research Consultants Association (QRCA), also reported growth in this area.

Other trends, reported by Daryl Gilbert of the Survey Center in Chicago, were: an increase in the number of business and professional groups; a move to keep groups to an hour-and-a-half (versus the usual two-hour group); starting the groups earlier; or using two consecutive evenings because of fatigue (of all concerned: respondents, viewers and moderators).

More exploratory

Linda Fitzpatrick of Fitzpatrick Research in West Nyack, N.Y., says she is being asked to conduct more exploratory groups that generate new ideas and provide insights, as opposed to measurements. These groups require more planning and time up-front. Moderators view this kind of research as more beneficial to their clients because their clients benefit from the moderator's broad category experience. The moderators, in turn, benefit from more follow-up work.

Jim Shur of Pathfinder Research Group, Acton, Mass., reports more videotaping and acceptance of stationary video. Tom McGee of Doyle Market

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Researching the leveraged influencer in telephone focus groups

By George Silverman

Editor's note: George Silverman, president of Market Navigation, Inc., Orangeburg, N.Y., is a completely recovered and reformed psychologist.

t's been almost 25 years, and over 5,000 groups, since I invented the telephone focus group and developed it into a viable research tool. This qualitative issue of *Quirk's Marketing*

Research Review is an appropriate place to report on its present status and current applications.

In case you're unfamiliar with them, telephone focus groups are interactive group interviews that take place over a specially designed telephone conference system. Typically, about seven to 10 participants are in all-way interaction, just as if they were in a face-to-face focus group. In this case, however, they are all on their own telephones, usually at home in the evening. (This is not a group of people around a speaker phone. Everyone is in a different location.)

Reaching leveraged influencers

When people initially try telephone focus groups, they usually do so not for the reduced role-playing, and greater

openness and interaction these groups provide. In fact, they are — understandably — skeptical about group dynamics over the telephone. What they are usually looking for is access to people who are otherwise difficult or impossible to recruit.

In every product category there are leveraged influencers, prescribers and approvers, like editors, physicians, engineers, industry gurus, innovators, etc. They may be very difficult to get into face-to-face groups, either because they are too busy (particularly if they have to travel), or they don't want to talk openly (particularly with people from their own region). There are also people up the distribution chain, like store clerks, managers, owners, wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, buyers, etc., who are usually

unwilling to talk with people down the block.

Leveraged influencers can be members of Congress, Nobel Prizewinning economists, Fortune 100 company presidents, presidents of numerous other firms, and leading physicians in virtually every medical category you can

think of. But they can also be farmers, retailers, business managers, educators, librarians, children, elderly people, and auto mechanics.

The higher you go, to greater and greater expertise, the easier it is to recruit people into telephone groups. The reason is that high-level participants are starved for interaction with peers. They want to hear what their peers think, what their experiences are, how they are handling problems.

All too often, companies conduct focus groups of the end users because they are the only ones who will participate in groups.

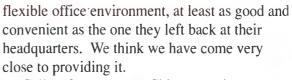
But it is very important to research these leveraged influencers, especially in these days of increased decision

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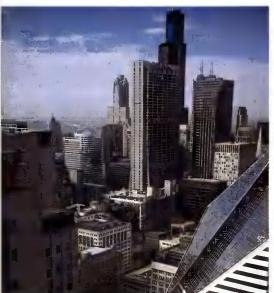
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Haster is better when writing qualitative reports

by Reyn Kinzey

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lients are increasingly pressuring focus group moderators for quick turnaround of reports. Moderators, in turn, are increasingly concerned about these requests. Articles like Naomi Henderson's article, "Qualitative report writing - is faster better?" in *Quirk's Marketing Research Review* (December 1992), and Alice Rodgers' sarcastically titled article, "Better, Faster, Cheaper Research," in *QRCA Views* (Summer 1993) testify to this trend.

I respect Naomi Henderson, who is my boss (as well as one of the best moderators in the business) and Rodgers, who is my editor at *QRCA Views*. And I share some of their fundamental concerns: pushing a moderator to churn out a thorough, analytic report in two to five working days of the last groups in a project is likely to produce research that is quicker but not necessarily better. On the other hand, I'm here to suggest that, done properly, faster *is* better.

The rub is that it's not cheaper. It's more expensive, but not necessarily

much more expensive. I'll explain that later, but for now, let me say that rapid reports can be produced without compromising quality, bankrupting the client or forcing the researcher to take a loss on the project.

The problem

Before we get into the economics of the issue, let's isolate the real problem. Everyone agrees that clients often have legitimate reasons for wanting qualitative information as quickly as possible. One project for which I recently wrote a rapid report concerned a cancellation of a "frequent user" program. The clients wanted to see how badly customers would react to cancellation of the program. The first night of the project, group participants complained that they were reading about the cancellation before the company had notified them. Given that kind of rapidly changing situation, the clients didn't want to wait three weeks for a report.

And why should they? The main reason we normally tell clients that reports require two or three weeks to write is that it normally takes from five to eight days to get the transcripts back from our transcription service. The report itself

usually takes only three to five days to write, if nothing else is pending; often the report can be written in two days. If we could get transcripts as soon as the groups finished, reports should never take more than a week, because we'd lose no time waiting for transcripts. But of course, a moderator can't moderate and transcribe at the same time.

Solutions

An obvious solution is to write the report without a transcript, a "top-ofmind" report, in which the moderator just summarizes the main points that stick out in memory. Naomi Henderson discussed this possibility in her article, but she also has reservations, which I share. In fact, I refuse to do "top-ofmind" reports unless the client absolutely insists. I don't trust my top-ofmind thinking. By its very nature it cannot be analytic: you don't have to be a trained psychotherapist to realize that what sticks out in the memory of even a trained moderator may not be the most important points from the perspective of the group or the client. We may tend to remember what interests us as individuals, rather than the trends or themes

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Serendipty happens: the element of

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he focus group is due to begin in five minutes. The test materials have arrived, the respondents are all here, the moderator's guide has been honed to everyone's satisfaction and everything is as it should be. The clients are assembled in the viewing room and the atmosphere is thick with tension. Why? Anticipation of the unexpected, the unknown — what will happen in the next two hours?

It's this unknown quantity that sets moderators' adrenaline flowing and that allows them to start fresh with every group or interview.

Those of us who do qualitative research find that we often get answers to questions we never even asked. These serendipitous findings sometimes prove very valuable. Webster's defines serendipity as "an assumed gift for finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for." Focus groups seem to possess that gift. In fact, in a way, I like to think of focus groups (in somewhat paradoxical terms) as "planned serendipity."

in qualitative research

by Daisy Spier

"Planned serendipity"

When designing a research project, there are issues you hope to explore and learn about, but there are also things you don't even know you want to know. It can be magic when these findings emerge. Suddenly, everyone in the viewing room is leaning towards the mirror. A sense that something important may be happening pervades the room — something that will make the creative light bulb go on, or give the marketing director that special insight for product

positioning or marketing strategy.

Through careful planning, you can achieve your initial objectives and also acquire some surprise findings.

Paul Georgiou, director of market research and planning at Avis Rent-a-Car System, explains, "You start with an objective in mind, but the deviation you take is tremendously important — with qualitative research you don't move in a straight line, you take side trips. For example, if you were going to California from New York, you could always go straight there. But you could also get there by going through Canada, making stops along the way and seeing new and unexpected scenery. This is what happens in focus groups. You don't know what you're going to see until you

get there."

Dr. Tedd Rose, staff research analyst at Prodigy Services Co., believes that initial preparation is key: "These types of fortuitous discoveries, like many things in life, come best to those who are well-prepared. Writing an instrument, with the idea that we'll be open to what comes to us, will probably lead to many fortuitous remarks."

In fact, part of the research process is having a mindset where you are willing to accept the unexpected. Dr. Wayne McCullough, manager of communication, measurements and research, IBM Corp., says he doesn't refer to unlooked-for findings as surprises *per se*: "What is there is there and I accept it. What comes out, comes out. We deal with it as it comes and try to incorporate it."

Serendipity knows no boundaries

Fortuitous discoveries can and do occur across product categories. One of the areas where surprises emerge is in people's emotional reactions to products, concepts or specific aspects of advertising.

"Although major surprises are usually rare, we are continually surprised about how the consumer thinks about some things," says Ilene Young, senior marketing research manager, Whitehall Labs. For example, when people are sick, some like to deny they have a problem, which is often why they use over-the-counter drugs instead of going to the doctor. "We are continually surprised at how much defensiveness there is," Young says.

Growing older is another fear that comes with the territory. "We tap into people's [fears about the] aging process. When you're younger, everything is fine, but as you get older, you start to need more medication and when you tell people that, they don't want to hear about it. It's often surprising to see how people resist basic facts of life. This often happens in the stomach remedy category. What you wouldn't get in quantitative is why people would be resistant to certain basic concepts. People just don't want to get older. So you really have to find the correct language to communicate to them, and you can't do that quantitatively."

Barry Phillips, director of marketing research at Cadbury Beverages International, offers this insight on the benefits of qualitative research for his industry: "Because our advertising is lifestyle-and image-oriented, you can't get the answers from purely quantitative copy testing, because you can't formulate the questions. It's almost like getting a report card at the end of the term without ever having a conference with the teacher to know why your child isn't as strong [as possible] in some areas.

"Among the fundamentals of the soft drink market is acceptability. We have to grant the target consumer permission

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Story analysis in qualitative research

by Lois Steinberg

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ver the past 20 years, a number of social scientists have claimed that researchers should listen to stories to understand why people act the way they do. These scholars believe that people think, understand the world, and remember in terms of stories or narratives. In other words, people live out "scripts" in their daily lives.

Furthermore, these scholars assert that our traditional research model, based on the social sciences, fails to capture the uniqueness of human beings as revealed in their stories. Traditional methods, they find, typically do not allow people to tell their stories. Several scholars have crafted an approach to capture people's stories: narrative analysis.

Our company decided to explore applying stories to marketing research, since many of the studies we conduct involve understanding how people's perceptions and motivations affect their purchase decisions and product use. Our exploration began three years ago and has been guided by four questions:

- What do we mean by "stories"?
- · How do we research people's stories?
- What do we fearn from stories that we would not learn from traditional interviewing methods?
 - · What are the limitations of this method?

So far we have completed four studies using what we now refer to as "story analysis" methods. Each study included story analysis and traditional qualitative methods so we could compare the differences. The studies dealt with self-image, bank selection, beverage consumption and office product use.

The results of these exploratory studies suggest that people's stories surrounding various product and service categories

can enhance the findings of more conventional interviewing methods. The results have expanded our thinking and uncovered some issues that did not surface in focus groups or responses to traditional one-on-one questioning.

What is a story?

Some psychologists concerned with identity formation have analyzed life histories to show how people tend to construct a coherent identity around stories that integrate their past, present and future.

Others view narratives as schemes for linking individual actions or events into a single episode that increases our understanding of the separate events. The goal here is to understand an event in terms of a specific context. Our research, similar to this second approach, was designed to gain access to stories relevant to specific products or use situations.

We defined the story as an account of consumers' behavior (what they did in the situation) rather than an explanation (why they did what they did). Based on our review of the social science research on people's stories, we began with two assumptions:

- A person's story about a particular product would probably involve reconstructing the history of product use and interpretation of these events.
- People are not aware of their stories about their experiences they do not think of these events as stories. Thus, accessing stories probably requires indirect and alternative strategies.

Researching stories

The methods we have developed to access stories are designed to make respondents observers of their behavior in specific situations and a partner in the research process. All the interviews were one-on-ones lasting up to one hour. Respondents received the same incentive as they would for

participating in a focus group.

Interviews for the first two studies included both traditional questions and those designed to elicit stories. Since respondents for the remaining interviews were selected from focus groups where they were asked traditional questions, we could concentrate on their stories.

At this point, we believe that the most critical component of this kind of research is designing an interview that allows respondents to tell their story. The respondent's script drives the interview. Thus our interviews have included:

- questions that evoke respondents' interests and concerns (rather than researchers' or clients');
 - · explaining what the research is about; and
 - · locating the interview in an informal setting.

It is not always easy to accomplish the first task. Even when clients agree that they want exploratory qualitative work, they often ask us to cover so many specific topics there is no room left for the respondent's script — or no time to allow him to digress so we can discover his story. The first requirement of story analysis, therefore, is a client who feels comfortable with a relatively unstructured interview.

Recruiting respondents

In two of our studies, respondents were recruited based on membership in demographic segments of interest to our clients. In the other two studies, they were selected from focus group participants, based on views expressed in the focus group.

The "best" stories for our purposes came from the focus group participants. The reasons are twofold: First, because they had participated in the group discussion, they were familiar with the study topic. Second, they were selected because their comments in the group suggested they had an interesting story relating to the study objectives. In these cases we began the interview by asking the respondent to elaborate on comments made in the group discussion.

What do we learn from stories?

The differences in responses to direct questions compared with storytelling suggests that in the standard interview situation, people frequently respond in terms of: their idealized self-image; the norms of their social group; what they think is an "acceptable" answer; what they have learned about a category through advertising; or an explanation of their behavior. All of these may be contradicted by the stories they tell about their experiences.

An example from the banking study reveals the tendency to give top-of-mind responses that are consistent with the respondent's self-image. Respondents selected for this study were successful businesswomen with incomes of \$100,000 or higher. Among them, married women were asked about their role in family financial decisions. Responding to the direct question, they tended to report that they had an equal role with their husband in these decisions. However, as one woman described some specific decisions, she acknowledged that her husband had the most say.

This example also illustrates a tendency for people to develop an identity that is consistent across their various

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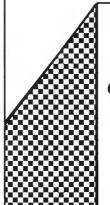
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by Rebeeea R. Day

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ess than eight years ago, attendance at Qualitative Research Consultants Association (QRCA) meetings was largely female. However, each year more males are joining QRCA and attending the national conference. The most recent national QRCA membership directory still has a majority of women, but approximately 38% of the members are men.

The increasing availability of moderators of both genders and of many racial/ethnic backgrounds should make it easier for market researchers to match the moderator to the group. At least some topics call for focus groups that are either gender- or race-specific, or require listening for differences or similarities among specific types of participants. Market researchers often think in terms of conducting all-male groups and all-female groups, as well as all-black and all-white groups. Yet constraints of time, geography and budget often lead researchers to sacrifice listening to certain segments of the population.

There seems to be a direct relationship between the increase in restraints (particularly budgetary) loaded onto a project, and the decrease in sensitivity in matching the moderator to the group.

Matching . . .

There are no fixed guidelines for matching race or ethnic background, nor are there set rules for matching gender to the group. Our firm has two male and two female moderators, and all of us have moderated groups of opposite gender. We obviously don't live in a perfect world, but under certain circumstances, we do try to gender-match the moderator to the participants.

Historically, there have been some preconceptions about matching the gender of the moderator to the group. Some of

those preconceptions are no longer valid (such as females being unable to moderate groups of male executives), but there are certainly some logical considerations that affect the outcome of the project.

First, if the topic is sexually sensitive (discussing any body part or function), there is a better chance that a moderator who is the same gender as the participants will hear more candid responses. At the very least, the trust and rapport that must develop between respondents and moderator will probably occur faster if there is no gender difference to overcome.

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I'm not suggesting that a moderator who isn't gendermatched to the participants can't get great information, however. We know a female colleague who has moderated dozens of all-male groups on prostate cancer, and a male colleague who has moderated women's groups on breast cancer. In such cases, factors that make these groups successful include the moderator's skill, huge doses of unconditional positive regard for the participants, and, to some degree, a group of participants willing to share intimate details about their lives in front of strangers. We know that as moderators our job is to make everyone feel comfortable enough to share their deepest secrets with a roomful of strangers, but let's face it: There are some groups that will talk openly about anything, and there are others that won't tell you any more than name, rank and serial number.

Another situation that might warrant gender matching the moderator is when a "good old boy" (and less often, a "good old girl") network is known to exist among select groups of participants. Examples might be participants from all-male clubs, single-sex schools, or certain groups of professionals who form very close-knit cliques. We have witnessed a male moderator explore some potentially sensitive issues with a group of high-powered decision makers in the health care

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Individual versus group interviews: is there a "group difference"?

By Judith L. Robinson

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he focus group interview is a widely used technique of data collection in marketing research. Its purpose is to gain insight into consumers' thoughts, feelings and behaviors, through an unstructured interview in a group setting. While other methodologies like individual interviews, dyadic interviews and naturalistic observations can also obtain qualitative data, the popularity of the focus group has made it synonymous with the term "qualitative research" in marketing research.

There are several assumptions about the advantages of group interviewing that contribute to its wide usage. Generally, it is presumed that being part of a group lowers respondents' anxiety and provides a more comfortable setting for discussion (Greenbaum, 1988).

This assumption rests on the notion that a one-on-one situation can make respondents anxious and inhibit candid discussion, while "safety in numbers" diffuses this anxiety. However, the risk is that the overall sense of responsibility and involvement may also be diffused among group members, resulting in less information and superficial responses.

Another popular assumption is that interaction of group participants stimulates talking and makes it easier for people to open up (Goldman and McDonald, 1987). In the same sense as a therapeutic session, it would seem that the supportive presence of other participants with similar concerns makes for a more comfortable environment where members are more willing to share information they would not divulge in an individual interview.

McQuarrie and McIntyre have offered a third hypothesis on the theoretical superiority of group interviews (1988, 1990). This hypothesis focuses on differences in the type of information that group and individual interviews provide. It postulates that groups elicit and give more discussion time to group information (normative information), while individual interviews evoke and give more time to information that is

unique to the individual (idiosyncratic information). McQuarrie and McIntyre suggest that this "group difference" makes group interviews the superior setting when the objective is examination of commonly held attitudes, beliefs and behaviors.

To understand why focus groups are popular, and where they are appropriately used, we explored some of the assumptions that underlie the use of focus groups as a means of data collection. Specifically, we wanted to find out if there is a "group difference" in the type of responses a group interview generates compared with an individual interview. We also investigated some differences between group and individual interview participants, in terms of anxiety, involvement and concerns about performance evaluation.

Methodology

To explore the effects of interview setting on information obtained, we conducted focus groups and individual interviews, with the primary purpose of comparing the information discussed in the two settings.

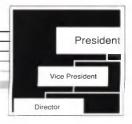
Both focus groups (eight participants) and individual interviews collected data on the same topics. The focus groups took approximately one hour; the individual interviews were 20 to 30 minutes. Both were conducted by professional moderators according to the same discussion guide. There were 10 focus group interviews and 40 individual interviews conducted for this research.

The interviews focused on two topics: considerations in the decision to visit a fast food restaurant; and environmental concerns.

The responses generated from these two topics were listed by the moderator during the interview and they were coded from the audiotape by an independent researcher to assure agreement. The output of the individual interviews was used as the basis for identifying normative versus idiosyncratic responses: Responses that were mentioned in 15% or more of the individual sessions were classified as "normative" while those mentioned in less than 15% were considered "idiosyncratic." Additionally, order of the responses and amount of

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NAMES OF NOTE



Richard Kurtz has joined *Treistman* & Stark Marketing Inc., Hackensack, N.J., as director of marketing. In addition to his new business development and client services role, he will be involved in expanding the firm's qualitative research capabilities and its international activities.

John Kuranz has been named managing director of the new Published Products division at *FIND/SVP*, *Inc.*, New York. **Michael Shor**, vice president marketing, now has the additional title of managing director, operations, for the new division

Laurie Rosner has been appointed director of the strategic research division pharmaceutical and health care consulting practice at New York-based *FIND/SVP Inc*.

Karen Schmidt has been promoted to focus group coordinator *Rockwood Research Corp.*, St. Paul, Minn. She will market the firm's focus group meeting facilities and coordinate focus group recruiting for clients.



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Rachelson

The Marketing Research Association, Rocky Hill, Conn., has elected the following individuals as directors at large on its 1993-94 Board of Directors: **Joyce Rachelson**, eastern regional manager at Computers for Marketing Corp., New York; **Jane Sheppard**, manager, data collection at Goodyear Tire & Rubber



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Co., Akron, Ohio; and Barbara Warriner, director of client relations at QFact Marketing Research Inc., Cincinnati.

Jim Jones and John Kelly will share responsibility for managing a new strategic alliance formed by *Fortis Inc.* and *OKRA Marketing Corp.*, Tampa, Fla. Jones is managing director of Fortis Database Marketing, and Kelly is president of OKRA.

Margaret Green has been appointed director of mystery shopping services at *Rickie Kruh Research*, Reston, Va. Herbert French has been named senior research analyst.

Thomas Lix has been named president and chief operating officer at *MarketPulse*, Cambridge, Mass. He will oversee all functional areas within the company.

Eve Zukergood has been named vice president of *Market Navigation Inc.*, Orangeburg, N.Y. She also serves as an

officer for the New York chapter of the Qualitative Research Consultants Association.

Mary Taras has been appointed corporate director of marketing and operations at *Consumer Pulse Inc.'s* corporate headquarters in Birmingham, Mich. She was formerly director and account executive at Consumer Pulse of Detroit. Leslie Fontaine has been promoted to director of Consumer Pulse of Detroit's WATS operation; Jeff Davis has been named director of Consumer Pulse of Washington, D.C.

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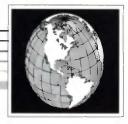


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Research, Inc., Minneapolis. Sundin has been appointed vice president.

Suzanne Harris has been named vice president at Nancy Low & Associates Inc., Chevy Chase, Md. She will be responsible for marketing the firm's service to public- and private-sector clients, and managing all editorial and design projects. The firm also has appointed Dan Tisch director of health information services and Rich Blevins as controller. Tisch will direct projects integrating social marketing and communications planning in health and the sciences; he has special expertise in genetics.

RESEARCH COMPANY NEWS



Chicago-based Information Resources Inc. (IR1) received two Pinnacle awards from PROMO magazine. IRI's QSean database service, which provides data from more than 10,000 supermarkets, was recognized in the promotion support category for providing excellence in techniques and services for planning, tracking, measuring, controlling and fulfilling promotional activities as well as addressing product replenishment issues. IR1's division, Customer Marketing Resources, (which uses QScan data) received the award in the marketing relevance category, recognizing its "efficient promotion practices," which assist manufacturers in executing and administering trade marketing programs. These are the third and fourth Pinnacle awards IRI has received.

Group Dynamics in Focus Inc. has moved "up" — to the sixth floor at its offices at 555 City Line Ave., Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19004. Each of the four focus group suites includes a conference room, tiered one-way mirrored observation seating 20, client lounge, and respondent reception area. The facility also includes a commercial kitchen for taste-testing projects and home cooking. For more information call 215-668-8535.

The Chicago Group Inc., a Chicago-based management consulting firm, has established a permanent office in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. This is the first office established in Vietnam by a U.S.-based management consulting firm. The Chicago Group

provides domestic and international strategic business and market planning services. The new office will serve American clients investigating Vietnam as a potential investment market, export country or offshore manufacturing site. When the U.S. embargo on Vietnam is lifted, the office will operate as an in-country support system for clients and serve as the headquarters for the firm's Asian operations. For more information call S. Kiner at 312-751-0303.

New York-based FIND/SVP Inc., has formed a published products division to oversee the firm's non-consulting business operations. The new division covers a rapidly growing area in the company. Its purview includes published studies under the FIND/SVP and Packaged Facts brand names; electronic editions of FIND/SVP products on-line and on CD ROM; newsletter and book publishing; conferences; directories; multi-client studies; the bimonthly Information Catalog; and upcoming products to be offered through 900 and fax modes. The division is also marketing the recently published resource book, "The Art of Being Well Informed," by FIND/SVP president Andrew Garvin. For more information call John Kuranz at 212-645-4500.

Audits & Surveys has reached an agreement in principle to integrate the operations of marketing research firm Oxtoby-Smith. Both companies are based in New York. A&S will establish an Oxtoby-Smith division that will continue to service clients including Block

Drug Co., Coca-Cola Foods, Doubleday, National Spa & Pool Institute, Snapple and Utopia Bottled Water. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Last year, Oxtoby-Smith posted sales of \$4.1 million. Jack Goldberg Sr., Oxtoby-Smith CFO, and Tony Timiraos, A&S CFO, will direct the integration of Oxtoby's 21-person staff into the A&S operation through the end of the year.

OKRA Marketing Corp., Tampa, Fla., and Fortis Inc. have entered a strategic alliance. Fortis will apply OKRA's database marketing technology to improve its responsiveness to customer needs and reduce the cost of many of its products and services. For OKRA, the alliance will provide financial backing to further develop its products and services. Fortis' worldwide position in the insurance and financial services industries will allow OKRA to expand its client base into these categories. Fortis is a worldwide financial organization with joint headquarters in Utrecht, The Netherlands, and Brussels, Belgium.

Mid-Iowa Interviewing Inc. has opened its second Des Moines permanent mall location in the Southridge Mall. The new location is designed to complement the firm's existing facility at Valley West Mall. The Southridge facility has a test kitchen, 10 enclosed interviewing stations, a small conference room for one-on-on observation and a 9' by 28' display area. The Southridge facility is 10 minutes from

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The importance of context in conducting Asian research

by Sandra M.J. Wong

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hat does "context" have to do with Asian marketing research? Context in many Asian cultures can affect the way you conduct marketing research for that population/community. Specifically, this article will look at how context affects:

- selection of appropriate research sample/respondents;
- framing of questions to effectively gather meaningful information; and
- establishing a productive researcher/respondent relationship.

The goal of marketing and customer satisfaction research is to provide your clients with insightful analysis so they can make effective business decisions. We all know careful planning is essential to maximize the benefits of research, but in our fast-paced business world, it's common for both client and researcher to rush from one project to another. Yet how many times have we said to ourselves, "We wouldn't have to do this 'rework' if we just took a little time to plan. Next time, we will take the time and do it right!"

Such common sense is even more important when conducting Asian marketing research. The researcher often needs to consider additional nuances or complexities not always apparent in general market research. Involving a culturally sensitive researcher early in the research planning stages can help

avoid mistakes that people unfamiliar with Asian cultures commonly make.

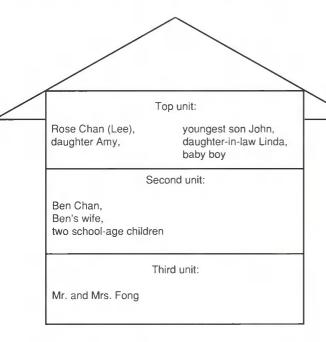
Context and respondent selection

How do context and Asian family relationships add complexity to the selection process? Suppose a researcher wants to talk to "heads of household" about making financial decisions. The researcher randomly selects the Chinese residents of a particular three-unit Bay Area house. There are three names posted on the mail slots; Rose Lee is listed as occupant in the top unit; Ben Chan in the second; and the Fongs in the third. A researcher unfamiliar with Chinese family structure might conclude there are three separate, distinct families from which to gather data. This appearance is quite misleading, however. On closer examination it turns out the residents of the three units are all related to each other in some way.

Rose Lee, a retired widow, lives in the top unit. Lee is Rose's maiden name, and she married into the Chan family. She and her husband were the original owners of this house. The Chans (that is, Rose and her late husband) have two sons and a daughter, all of whom still live in this house. Although the title of the house was transferred to both of the sons after their father's death, they still regard their mother, Rose, as the official head of the household.

Rose currently lives with four other people in her household unit: her unmarried college-age daughter Amy, her youngest son John, his wife Linda, and their baby son. Linda is responsible for the household's grocery shopping and cooking. Linda organizes the menus and manages the task of running a home. Rose's college-age daughter Amy helps with the cooking as needed.

Rose delegates the tasks of buying presents and clothing to Amy. Because of her artistic flair and "good taste," Amy is usually consulted by all the women in this house when it comes to fashion — for women, men or children.



The second unit is occupied by Ben Chan (the oldest son), his wife and their two school-age children. Ben has managed the family business since his father's death. Ben is in charge

of all the family's business and financial decisions, including repair and upkeep of the house. If his younger brother John (who lives in the top unit) has any intention of making financial investments or big-ticket purchases (e.g., an automobile), Ben must approve these plans. However, the younger brother John and his wife Linda are responsible for their own personal checking and savings accounts.

The third unit is occupied by Mr. Fong and his wife. Mrs. Fong is Rose's sister. The Fongs recently emigrated from Hong Kong. They attend English classes and are working part-time as a waiter and a cashier, respectively, nearby.

They keep what little money they save at home, not in a bank. The Fongs dine with Rose and her household every night. Currently they are dependent on Rose's financial help until they become self-sufficient.

This case illustrates an intricate web of Chinese familial ties which challenges a researcher to use care when selecting respondents. Whether researchers treat the occupants of the three units as one extended family or four separate families depends on the research they wish to explore.

It is obvious from this particular family structure that "head of household" does not necessarily equal "decision maker." It all depends on what decisions need to be made, because the person who makes the decisions changes from one context to the next. For example, if a financial institution wants to learn more about consumers' opinions on savings account and credit card service, Ben Chan or his younger brother John are both good candidates. However, if the financial institution is

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interested in learning about business loan decisions, Ben is the better candidate. But if researchers insists on speaking only with the nominal head of household, they may end up with Rose, who is not the real decision maker in this instance. Similarly, if a packaged-food company is interested in food-purchasing behavior, then Rose's youngest daughter-in-law would be a very knowledgeable candidate. On the other hand, if a retailer is interested in clothes-shopping behavior, then Rose's college-age daughter Amy would be the most appropriate respondent.

Therefore, in determining the "right" respondents for a particular research project, be aware of the various roles, responsibilities and authority levels in an Asian family. With an understanding of and sensitivity to the world as the Chinese live it, a knowledgeable researcher can design the proper framework to screen for appropriate respondents. When this doesn't happen, researchers risk gathering information from the "wrong" respondents and generating conclusions based on invalid data.

Framing questions in relevant contexts

Another way in which context affects Asian marketing research is how a researcher frames the questions used to gather meaningful and useful information. Asian respondents often need to understand the context of a question before they can fully respond. The respondents use context as a filter through which they structure their "reality." If researchers don't provide a recognizable context, the respondents will either redirect the question, answer in ways that

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give no real information, or create a context in order to respond. The obvious danger is that researchers may get information that reflects issues other than those sought.

Short and abrupt answers in themselves do not necessarily mean respondents are unwilling to engage in discussion. The respondents may, in fact, be signaling you that they can't relate to the framework as presented. The researcher needs to be perceptive enough to realize when his or her cultural construct or template has no meaning — or a significantly different meaning — for the respondents. Furthermore, the same cultural template may have different meanings among the subsegments of the same ethnic group.

Let's say you are preparing research on behavioral patterns of parents' leisure time with children. One widespread American assumption is that people value spending time with their families on their days off from work. The interpretation of "spending time with family" means passing time with one's spouse and children. Another assumption is that "good" parents are involved in their children's extracurricular activities. A common scenario has the parents taking their kids to a Little League game, then barbecuing at home with a few friends and their children.

This American cultural construct has different degrees of relevance to various subgroups of the Asian segment. While the more acculturated Asian-American families can relate comfortably to this concept, it's quite unfamiliar to many recent Asian immigrant families. If the less acculturated Asian is your target audience, but your research design is based on the aforementioned assumptions, you would be presenting a cultural construct that's not relevant to your intended audience. "Spending time with the family" holds a very different meaning for many Chinese immigrants. They would more likely interpret this concept as getting together socially with members of their extended families (parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.) than to doing things with just their spouse and children. Moreover, the concept of "good parenting" for many Chinese parents does not include involvement in their children's sports activities. Many of them regard children's play and adult leisure as distinct activities, to be done separately or in parallel, rather than

A good research design allows for the emergence of different cultural constructs and meanings during the datagathering process. The skillful researcher is constantly listening for shifts in orientation, perception and meaning. When these shifts occur, researchers must give themselves the freedom to adjust the research. Sometimes this means piloting a survey instrument to check on word/concept interpretations and contextual clues before full-scale implementation. Other times it means allowing the researcher to redirect the discussion and pursue the respondent's own categories of meaning and interpretation. Researchers should always strive to make explicit the respondents' own cultural constructs, from which they make sense of the world. In this way, the client gains deeper insight about behavioral patterns and motivational qualities of the Asian consumer.

Context of the researcher-respondent relationship

How much and what kind of information is disclosed also

depends on the respondent's assessment of the context of the research environment itself. This context consists of the researcher's own assumptions and meanings; the respondent's perception of the researcher's expectations; and the rapport built between the two people. While this is true with all research, it is particularly salient in Asian marketing research. If an Asian person feels the researcher really can't relate to the respondent's worldview non-judgmentally, the respondent often will answer briefly, with whatever answer she or he thinks will terminate the questioning. When the respondent feels the researcher is sincerely open to learning about the complexities and nuances of his or her world, a more complete, valid and useful explanation of the situation will emerge.2

For example: During research on behavioral patterns of Chinese immigrant families, respondents were asked to name their family members. What seemed like a straightforward question turned out not to be so simple after all. As one respondent patiently explained, "It all depends. Are you asking about my spouse and children, the family I was born into, the family I grew up in, the family I married into, or the people who currently live in my household?" This respondent had five distinctly different meanings for the concept of "family."

Respondents' answers often depend on the perception of the context of the relationship between the inquirer and respondent. For example, if the respondent feels a researcher is hurrying to gather basic demographic data and appears to be impatient with the extended Asian family composition, the respondent might just briefly describe the nuclear family of spouse and children. If the respondent was approached by her father-in-law's Chinese business associate, however, she would likely mention the members of the family into which she married. If she was approached by someone from her father's village, she would probably talk about the family into which she was born.

If it's important to fully understand the various meanings of "family" among Chinese immigrants, a researcher first needs to know that "family" is an important cultural construct for this group; then the researcher must demonstrate to the respondent a genuine desire to learn about the complexities of his or her worldview. Finally, the researcher needs to probe deeper into the various circumstances under which the different forms of family are discussed. Without patiently exploring the various configurations of the family structure, the researcher would erroneously conclude there is only one meaning and definition of the Chinese family. The resulting analysis and recommendations are, at best, flawed.

Summary

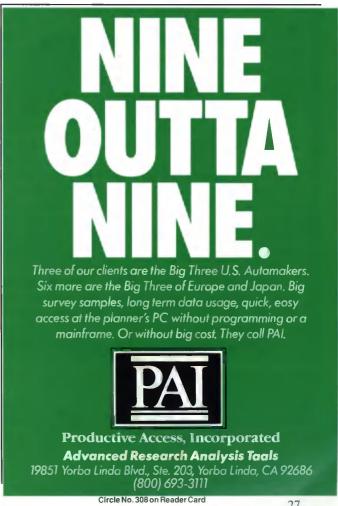
In summary, our job as researchers is to conduct a meaningful analysis based on a picture from the respondents that's as unbiased as possible. While we may not be able to remain totally objective, we are responsible for managing our subjectivity. Not all of the assumptions that work in the general market can be directly transferred to the Asian market. The importance of context in Asian cultures affects the implementation of Asian research in at least three ways.

First, context can introduce some complexities in the

selection of the appropriate respondents for various research projects. Secondly, during the data-gathering process the researcher must frame the questions in contexts that are relevant to the respondents, in order to facilitate meaningful discussion. (The inclusion of a culturally sensitive researcher in the planning stages of Asian marketing research can help avoid many cultural mistakes.)

Finally, establishing a good rapport with the Asian respondents also is crucial to success. When the researcher demonstrates a real desire to "resonate" with the respondents' values and meanings, the respondents often will teach the researcher about important dimensions of their world. The researcher is then able to clarify the overlapping psychological, social and cultural frameworks the respondents use to relate and interpret their world.³ The skillful researcher is able to capture the respondents' "picture of reality" and can communicate these "frames" so that others can understand their unique points of

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Observational research in a focus group setting

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he ehallenge: Get in-depth information about the ways people learn to assemble, install or use a product.

The solution: Simulate reality as much as possible.

Replicate, replicate, replicate

Rodgers Marketing Research (RMR) has found that one-on-one interviews provide valuable insights into learning and usage behavior. Having a research consultant interview prospective consumers in an observable setting that closely replicates an expected usage site lets clients witness a surprising number of ways that people learn to do or use something. This technique puts observation research into a focus group setting.

For products and services that could have almost universal usage, particular care should be taken to include respondents who are not highly literate and/or people who define themselves as mechanically inept. This lets the client observe a full range of behaviors. Additionally, companies that target senior citizens will want to include people who have arthritis to make sure their product can be easily opened or used.

To maximize the research, consider recruiting people who have never used

the product or service, but who can be expected to use it in the future. Additionally, consider recruiting "eonsumption constellations" like husband and wife or parent and child, where applicable. This lets the client see learning and usage behavior and how prospective customers interact during the process.

When looking at products that parents might use, consider recruiting people who don't yet have children, so you can get a novice's viewpoint. RMR has used dolls to simulate children and to stimulate conversation. We usually ask respondents to name the doll and have found that people do this without hesitation. The doll is then called by name throughout the session.

To further replicate the experience, the focus group room can be transformed into a setting that closely resembles an expected consumer environment. Interviewees can be escorted to a focus group room that might look like a kitchen, living room, playroom, or even a garage. For some projects, we've even had a four-door car in a focus group room, along with a person videotaping consumer actions, allowing observers to see what is happening at all times.

Finally, to understand how consumers use an instruction manual, the focus group facility receptionist can tell interviewees upon arrival something like the following:

"In a few minutes you will be talking to someone about assembling, installing, or using a new product or service. Here's the instruction manual that comes with that product or service. Feel free to read the manual, or the pages that you would normally read if you were assembling, installing, or using something. You don't have to read the manual if you would normally try assembling, installing, or using the product without reading it."

Based on our completed research, a wide range of behaviors result:

- Some read instructions carefully, page by page.
- Quite a few mainly look at the pictures or illustrations and pay little or no attention to the accompanying verbiage.
- Some rely on the instructions or pictures on the box (or the labels on the product) to help them assemble, install or use a product.
- Some people tackle the task without reading or looking at any directions.

Doing these things — re-creating a kitchen, living room, or garage, naming dolls and instructing people to do what they would normally do in such a setting — appears to closely replicate respondents' individual experiences.

Range of behavior

Based on the responses in sessions we have conducted, we believe this methodology has been very successful. The wide range of assembly, installation and usage behaviors observed has proved valuable to client teams.

Using this methodology, clients have witnessed a variety of mechanical abilities — initially, all self-described. (Interestingly, some of the people who described themselves as somewhat — or even very — mechanically inclined later said they might want to change their self-description.)

This technique has also revealed a wide range of expectations about the experience and the impact such expectations have on the learning experience.

- Some expected assembling, installing, or using the product to be easy because they saw it as a small, rather than a large project. This is particularly likely when there are few pieces to be assembled or if the product is already assembled and only needs to be installed.
- Some expected the task to be easy because they had seen other people easily do it. Their expectations may have been based on watching experienced users.
- Some made mistakes because they had seen other people make exactly the same mistakes. Thus no one may know that the product might not be assembled, installed or used correctly.

Other comments provide further insight into the process:

- "The more pieces [in the box], the more likely I am to read the manual."
- "If it looks like I can do it, the less likely I am to read the manual."
- "My brother-in-law does that all the time, and it looks easy to me. So I didn't think I would need to read the instructions."

Accordingly, some participants were surprised to find the experience frustrating and the procedure complicated.

What did one client team think about this observational approach? We received the following response:

"This was as close to a simulation as we could get. The car was absolutely essential. People got more into it than we thought they would — we expected some people to be self-conscious or maybe not take it as seriously as we would like, but that's not what happened. We are very much aware that this is a small sample and this is qualitative research, so we cannot make broad-based assumptions; however, it was quite clear that what we saw was an accurate depiction of this experience

for those people.

"Overall, it was very helpful to observe people attempting to use the product and understand the materials. The research gave us a sense of areas that are problematic for consumers — areas of confusion—particularly where we were not communicating as clearly as we would like. The research made us aware of gaps in information. It very graphically showed us how consumers use the product and all the accompanying materials. We learned things that even the person who deals with customers on the

phone all the time didn't realize.

"We believe this is the best method to date for obtaining information about our communications skills and for understanding how the consumer learns to use our products. It provided us with information that we would otherwise be unable to obtain, short of following the first 1,000 people out of the store."

In summary, observational research in a focus group setting can provide useful and actionable information that might not otherwise be discovered.



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MAKING STORYBOARDS WORK IN FOCUS GROUPS

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ocus groups are OK for new product work, but for checking out storyboards?

Why not?

Consider these situations:

- The advertising agency has presented several very different creative approaches and there's a need to gauge main-point communication of each one.
- There are several creative options but budgetary constraints demand narrowing down the number before quantitative testing.
- Some concept boards are ready to produce for animatic testing, but it's necessary to uncover any miscues or misunderstandings before proceeding.
- As a matter of economics, story boards can be evaluated early in the "advertising process," before investing in animatic or photomatic production.

There are, however, concerns in qualitative advertising research, particularly with TV storyboards: Can respondents understand a storyboard? Can we communicate an advertising idea and execution to respondents when the stimuli are rough storyboards? Can we help respondents see beyond the rough ex-

ecution? Does it matter who presents storyboards to groups? In short, can advertising groups be productive and provide rich learning about advertising executions?

The answer to all these questions is yes. Consider including these steps to help make your groups be more productive.

Do a warm-up

Warm up respondents with a learning experience. Most respondents are not familiar with a storyboard nor know how to read one. (If respondents are *too* familiar, check the security screen!) The qualitative researcher is relying on respondents to see beyond the rough/storyboard execution, to see the storyboard as a finished commercial. One way to get up to creative speed is to show how the storyboard fits into the advertising process.

Give your respondents a primer course on storyboards. One useful technique is to take respondents through a "warm-up" storyboard as an example of the kind of advertising they will be looking at during the session. The heart of this technique is that this warm-up storyboard is, in fact, the storyboard of a finished commercial. To get your warm-up storyboard, first select a finished commercial that is relevant to the

group, perhaps one in the general product area. For example, if the subject is a laundry detergent, use a dish detergent or window cleaner commercial, rather than a beer spot. Avoid a finished commercial for the subject brand; this can cause confusion—are we talking about the warm-up or the test commercials?

Once the demonstration commercial is selected, make a storyboard of this commercial. (If you're incredibly lucky, a storyboard will exist for your selected commercial, but don't count on it.) Perhaps the easiest way to start is to get a photoboard of the commercial. If the finished commercial is one of your products, a photoboard is probably available, since they are usually printed in volume and used to preview or remind trade customers of a brand's advertising program.

With photoboard in hand, you can now produce your warm-up storyboard by making rough drawings of each frame with the copy under each one. (If creative resources are not readily available, hire an artist to draw the frames.) Remember, the warm-up storyboard should look about as rough as the test boards, thereby avoiding any executional comparisons.

The rough storyboard is presented to respondents as an example of how commercials in the earliest stage are ex-

ecuted — much like a comic strip — to explain the idea. Describe the visuals frame by frame, then read the words that go along with each frame, detailing when the actors speak, when the announcer speaks, any sound effects and any titles on the screen. The point here is for respondents to understand and think about what the storyboard is trying to say, not get hung up on the fact that they are looking at a rendering and not a finished commercial.

Then show the tape of the finished commercial as it appears on TV. The contrast between storyboard and finished commercial makes respondents more comfortable with the storyboard and helps them understand its relationship to the finished commercial that's on television. Ultimately, you want respondents to see test storyboards but think of finished commercials. The group motto is: See rough — think finished!

This whole process should take only about five minutes, but it brings respondents up to "creative speed" and diffuses much non-productive comment/criticism about the drawings.

Keep it simple

Now that respondents have been introduced to storyboards, it's time to present the real creative, the test storyboards. In this phase, remember the importance of direct, understandable communication of the advertising idea.

Obviously, the storyboards you are presenting should be large enough for respondents to see, typically in the 18" x 24" or 24" x 36" range. These presentation boards should be cleared of technical jargon, particularly film direction notations like CU (close-up), MCU (medium close-up), "pan," "dissolve," etc. These directional notations can confuse and distract. This is especially true if copies of the boards are distributed to respondents for their written comments before discussion.

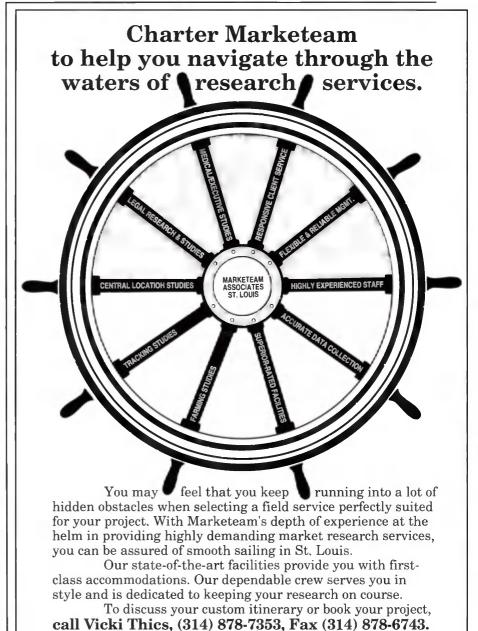
On the other hand, notations that are relevant to what is happening, like SFX (sound effect), "super" (title), and VO (announcer) should remain. These directions are easily understood and help respondents get a fuller grasp of the commercial. In other words, directions that are key to respondent understand-

ing of the commercial should be kept and explained; those that are not should be deleted. If a particular close-up shot is important, a close-up should be illustrated, rather than simply leaving in the CU note.

Get the agency involved

Many advertising agency people are suspicious, if not downright resentful, of any kind of commercial testing. Such testing is a consumer judgment of their creative product, and a creative product in its roughest form. At least when an animatic commercial is tested, some production values are included. But to present a storyboard to a group of consumers and rely on their ability to grasp the idea is enough to send shivers down the spine of any agency creative director.

This raises the issue of who should present the test advertising to respondents. It can be argued that the moderator is the only objective participant and therefore should present the material. On the other hand, the moderator is not totally familiar with the creative mate-



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rial and its nuances. And moderators are not professional advertising people so they may not "do the boards justice."

Look at the advertising agency as part of the research constituency, a part that has a profound interest in the outcome. The agency deserves to present its work and thereby be assured of knowledgeable and professional delivery. Why take the chance that group findings are called into question because "they didn't understand the boards." Therefore, when scheduling, availability and cost allow it, consider having the agency present their storyboards.

However, this participation must be under well-defined research terms and conditions.

- · The moderator should understand all aspects of the storyboards and meet with the agency early on. The advertising should be presented and described in detail.
- Jointly select an agency presenter who can remain detached from the storyboard. A copywriter or art director is so involved with and committed to their work — as well they should be —

that open, frank reactions of group participants can take a toll on egos, emotions and viscera. Consider an account executive for the role of presenter. They (usually) have experience presenting advertising and are not as "attached" to the creative product.

• Set clear ground rules for the agency presenter. During the groups, the presenter should be introduced as an associate of the moderator. The job is to present the advertising clearly and evenly so respondents will understand each commercial. The job is not to sell the advertising. Presenter participation in the group discussion, beyond matters

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Summary

With some careful planning and work, storyboard executions can be effective stimuli in focus group work. Invest a few minutes of group time up-front to develop an understanding of the storyboard — how to read it and how it fits into the advertising process. Keep stimuli directed at communicating the advertising idea and free from any unnecessary, potentially confusing advertising jargon. Finally, consider the advertising agency as the resource most familiar with the storyboards they have created and therefore best equipped to present them. Their participation, however, should be that of a research confederate and not as an advocate for a particular advertising approach.



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Focus group listening and hearing

by Jim Spanier

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ave you ever listened while two people each gave their own account of what another person said? They both listened to the same words, but each may have heard something very different.

A vivid example of this phenomenon occurred some years ago in one of my college psychology classes. Unbeknownst to the rest of us, the professor asked two of his 25 students to stage a mock argument at the start of the class, over who had the right to a certain seat. After the incident, he asked several students to tell what had happened and what was said. As you might imagine, students reported everything from a little name-calling to an out-and-out slugfest. Why?

Focus group listening

When we listen to someone or observe something, we tend to bring along our own experiences and prejudices as we assimilate and interpret the situation. The resulting subjectivity is often particularly pronounced during observation of focus group discussions.

For example, respondents may have seen a new product concept or several advertising executions and had mixed reactions — some thought the concept or the ads were great, while others were only lukewarm. In that situation, the creator of the concept or the creative

team who wrote the ads may very well "hear" more of the positive comments than the other observers do. They're not being disingenuous; they truly hear more of the positives.

Role of the moderator

Meanwhile, the focus group moderator is in a unique position to hear what respondents have to say. Physical proximity to the respondents helps, but it's not the only reason. The moderator does not bring along all the involvement of creation to the listening experience. Moreover, his or her career is not on the line if the respondents don't react positively. Thus, the moderator can listen with less built-in bias than certain observers behind the glass may have.

To take advantage of the moderator's unique perspective, consider asking the moderator what he or she heard before stating what you heard. This can increase your learning by assuring that both the positives and negatives are exposed before anyone can put a positive spin on the results. (This approach may take some courage, however, especially if you are with an advertising agency whose client needs to be convinced your copy is great!)

Three steps to increased focus group learning

The following steps are one way to approach broadening the learning you can glean from each qualitative research exercise

• Brief on issues as well as information needs. The best preparation for the job of listening is proper briefing of the moderator. Tell the moderator in advance what particular issues you are wrestling with, so that his/her hearing can be directed more specifically to those areas. The moderator will then be better equipped to interpret what respondents say in the context of the issues you consider important.

• Ask the moderator what he/she heard. If you've already made up your mind about what respondents said when you observed the groups and aren't open to receiving the moderator's input, you aren't getting full value from the research. Don't set up a situation where any disagreement would be adversarial; get the interpretation without trying to lead the moderator. You wouldn't want the moderator to lead the respondents, so why should you lead him or her?

You may very well find you agree with the moderator, and you could get some additional insight besides. Moreover, you will always have the final say if you disagree with the moderator.

• Encourage others to volunteer what they heard. Qualitative research differs from quantitative in the interpretation of the findings. In quantitative research we accept the findings and debate their meaning and impfications; in qualitative research we often debate the findings themselves, since everyone present heard them.

Discussing the findings with others helps clarify just exactly what they were. If you can agree on an accurate set of findings, you are more likely to agree on the implications of those findings.

From moderators to consultants

by Pierre Belisle

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s clients continue to demand greater value from their suppliers, focus group moderators must become marketing consultants, says Dr. Alfred Goldman, an independent marketing research consultant and author of "The Group Depth Interview: Principles and Practice."

Speaking this fall to the annual convention of the Qualitative Research Consultants Association (QRCA) in New York City, Goldman urged his colleagues to stay abreast of their clients' needs. Those needs will continue to be the "greater knowledge, insight and experience" that a consultant provides, he says.

"The role of consultant is quite different from that of moderator and carries with it different responsibilities and rewards," Goldman says. Moderators design studies, collect data, evaluate data and make recommendations based on that data. Consultants may encompass the moderator's role but also advise clients on product tactics and overall marketing strategy, realms that go well beyond the results of one study. As a result, "the role of consultant requires becoming more profoundly involved in learning about and understanding other components of corporate marketing," Goldman says.

In his speech, Goldman listed other likely areas of change in qualitative research including: an increasing specialization by industry; a re-emphasis on interviewing skills rather than quantitative or projective aids; the increasing use of standing panels; and the modest contribution of videoconferencing to the profession.

Increasing specialization by industry

The shift to consulting requires not only process knowledge of qualitative research but content knowledge of the industry in question, hence Goldman's forecast of increasing specialization by industry. Already many qualitative consultants specialize in a single industry, be it computers, communications or medical marketing. Goldman exhorted QRCA members to learn "at least as much about a product or service as your immediate client."

One result of this specialization, according to Goldman, will be a smaller pool of experts, and the continuing growth of exclusivity contracts and retainers: "Industry specialization necessarily concentrates the number of specialists available to any one industry. For industry specialists, exclusivity contracts and annual retainers will become more common."

Focus on interviewing skills

Goldman believes that collecting qualitative data will continue to depend mainly on interviewing skill rather than on quantitative or projective aids. He admits that electronic voting systems used in some group interviews permit more efficient response.

He argues, however, that summing evaluation ratings is not a primary mis-

sion of qualitative research. "We do ask respondents to assess concepts, attributes and brands," he says, "not because we are interested in the vote count, but as a platform from which we can explore what drives their evaluations."

Goldman also decries the fascination some researchers have with projective techniques. "As intellectually provocative as these techniques are to researcher and client alike, they have rarely proven to be more useful in yielding actionable insights than sensitive, comprehensive and vigorous probing of respondent motivation."

Standing panels

With increasing pressures for quick recruiting of knowledgeable and articulate respondents, the pool of willing "virgin" respondents is shrinking. Goldman argues that many respondents are already being recruited from lists of volunteers and that progressively more group participants should be recruited from standing panels when it is appropriate to the research task.

Videoconferencing

Videoconferencing — where clients view a remote group, facilitated by a live moderator, on video monitors — will play only a modest role in group interviewing in the near future. Videoconferencing may fail to interest clients who are without easy access to a viewing facility or who want to travel for the immediacy of the experience. "Video groups are a good idea whose time will come, but not for a while and not all at once," Goldman predicts.

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jacks for video and audio in the observation room (so an independent videographer can plug in to the existing system without running cables down the hallway); headphones in the client rooms for serious notetakers; and remote input to the moderator using a desktop device.

Ultimately, of course, this requires management's continuing commitment to provide the latest in audio, video and communications services. As time goes on, there will be still more to add. Videoconferencing continues to attract interest and support, for example, which will lead, in turn, to newer and better capabilities thus far unimagined. Stay tuned for the latest items to be incorporated into the focus facilities of your choice.

Construction specifics

Ideally, you want to carefully plan your facility before the shovels start breaking ground. It is not enough to try to put a focus facility into an existing space where the average room is 10' x 12', if you want to offer the best services. Starting from scratch requires credit and substantial investment. Here are some considerations:

- Separately controlled thermostats for each client room and each respondent room. This is relatively easy to do when you are starting from scratch, but quite difficult if you are re-engineering an existing air conditioning/heating sys-
- · Large viewing rooms. Most of our survey respondents said any room that accommodates 10 to 12 people comfortably is large, but our experience is that this is vastly understated — 15 to 20 clients is probably a better estimate. As one moderator simply said, "Rooms can never be too large." Large rooms are also useful for shooting video in the respondent room as they make it easier to get really clear pictures.
- · A separate client entrance. This maintains confidentiality needs.
- · A quiet air conditioning/heating system.

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- A large waiting area so that respondents can be comfortable while waiting for the session to begin.

These are all desirable objectives, but they require a hard analysis up front when space is being considered for a sionally, perhaps because many of our moderators simply expect it from the facility they attended. There were, however, a number of other suggestions related to this issue:

- Need for management to stay in touch during the recruiting phase.
- Having grids available as moderator arrives (often an extra charge).
- Rescreening respondents away from each other.
- Offering support and appropriate solutions when things go wrong (as they do from time to time, even among the best).

Actually, it seems to us that future recruiting capability calls for direct interviewer access to the database, with networking capabilities.

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tance from the host or discuss a particular respondent).

- · Large one-way mirrors.
- Oxygen "healthy" environments away from the research area.
- Few steps, if any, leading to facility entrances.
- A place to change clothes (and press them, if necessary).

focus facility. Ultimately, if you tried to incorporate all or most of them, you might have to move or rebuild the facility every 10 years to keep up with styles and needs. And that might not be a bad idea!

Top-notch recruiting

Recruiting was mentioned only occa-

Proper security

A little-noticed aspect of the facility business is assuring client confidentiality by:

- keeping different client groups as separate as possible during the course of a day;
- making sure audio- and videotaping is monitored in a separate and secured area so that only the appropriate tapes are given to each client;
- having a paper shredder on the prenises;
- locked closets available for storing client belongings overnight;
- separate refrigerator/freezers for secure storage of food taste-test items (locked would be even better);
- asking for identification if (and only if) the client has so requested. (Usualfy the moderator or other clients know who should be present and who should not. Some people report having been strong-armed to provide the appropriate business card before being admitted to the client room.)

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Miscellaneous

Some comments addressed cfear, obvious needs that all could agree on. Others, like the ones included below, sparked more debate.

 Auditorium-type rooms. These have drawbacks, since rooms set up in this fashion are often fess suitable for conference-style seating.

- Bathrooms with showers. Perhaps a good idea, but it begs the question of ancillary supplies and facilities, like towels and laundry. One also wonders eventually how far personal service should be taken. (The answer: There's no known limit!)
- Polaroid film. This seemed to be a good idea to some operators, perhaps for making photo 1Ds for the respondents. We aren't certain how this was supposed to work.
- "Frequent moderator program" (similar to frequent flyer programs). Our moderators liked this idea, and it could be advantageous for facilities belonging to a chain.
- Specific seating configurations such as modular tables, round tables or square tables. Each configuration had its proponents, along with the traditional rectangular table. The one thing everyone agreed on is that the table should be big (seat up to 13) or maybe small, or sometimes medium-sized, etc.
- Chair rails for propping up material, as well as dedicated wall space/corkboard for taping and tacking up displays.

More grab-bag

The following items were mentioned perhaps only once, but are worth adding to the total picture.

- Sink and mirror in focus room for cosmetic product testing.
 - · Healthy snacks and munchies.
- Runway lights on steps in a tiered viewing room.
- Ample writing surface with lighting for clients when the room is darkened.
- Few wall distractions in the client room; perhaps even gray carpeting.
- Locate mirrors so clients can easily see over moderator's head.
 - · Don't put mirrors at the other end.
- Be sure information about parking is included in conversation with respondents.
- Be able to serve food in reception area.
- Have pads and sharpened pencils available in viewing room.
- Small unobtrusive mikes should be placed in the ceiling.

- Refrigerator in viewing room.
- · Tiered client rooms.
- Color-coded rooms to make sure respondents find the right one.
 - Ergonomic chairs for the clients.
- Paper rolls for table tops to catch doctors' doodling.
- Maps and good directions to the facility.
- Information sheet about the facility and how to get there notes the moderator can pass on to the client.
 - · Gourmet pizza.
- Focus hours like Friday evening, Saturday morning, Sunday evening.
 - Sofas in client room.
- City lists of restaurants, electronic shops, copy shops, etc.
 - · Easy telephone access.

As for the cost

It's worth mentioning that no one asked that such a facility be available at discount prices, unless the frequent moderator (client) program is counted as such. Maybe there is a tacit understanding that the best facilities are not going to be the cheapest. This realization does not, of course, give the facility manager carte blanche for pricing, but there seems to be recognition of the correlation between services, capabilities and cost. Perhaps getting something for your money is the key; maybe value is the right word.

All clients should know that a facility with most of these features necessarily requires substantial capital investment and continual reinvestment. That lesson ought also be taken to heart by people planning facilities in the future. Anyone can always enter the large middle market, but those who want to be leaders are going to have to think about the substantial dollars needed to get it done.

Only a few years ago, an executive of one of the well-known focus group facility chains said \$75,000 would be required to get started in a new location. My sense is that it requires at least \$150,000, plus money for security deposits, operating expenses during the startup period and so forth. A few would even say \$300,000 plus. Potential in-

vestors and facility operators need to carefully consider the financial investment before taking the leap.

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First, there's nothing wrong with confirming what needs to be done and urging things along in that direction. Second, of course, knowing what should be done is really not the trick. A lot of people who have been around the business probably know by now what ought to be accomplished. The real trick is actually executing these various steps and providing the services that are at the heart of the business. Just writing it down on paper is never the whole answer. It is only a very early start. Only substantial investment and good management can ultimately bring it about. And those facility managers who are able to accomplish that are often in a class by themselves anyway.

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Indianapolis-based **DataSource** is reengineering company structure and processes by establishing self-managing teams. The new approach brings together specialists from various areas in the company that were previously separated by department or division barriers. It will also result in all employees focusing on client requirements as well as their discrete job requirements.

New York-based **FIND/SVP** has added a legal research group to its Quick Consulting & Research Service. The new group will provide the firm's retainer clients with services like public record retrieval, jury verdict searches, legislative history research, legal docu-

ment retrieval and current awareness services to determine how pending legislation might affect a particular industry. Joshua Blackman, an attorney with a background in computer programming and systems analysis, will head the new consulting group.

R.L. Polk & Co. has formed a strategic alliance with The Blackhurn Group Inc., London, Ontario, a Canadian provider of automobile statistics and demographic information. The two firms have combined their business expertise to form Blackburn/Polk Marketing Services Inc., Toronto. R.L. Polk & Co. Ltd., Polk's Canadian subsidiary, has merged its automotive marketing, list operations, automotive statistics, automotive databases and National Demographics and Lifestyles Inc.'s database services in Canada with Blackburn Marketing Services, a subsidiary of The Blackburn Group, to form the new company. R.L. Polk & Co. will be continuing its city directory and specialty advertising businesses in Canada independently under the name Polk Canada Ltd.

Indianapolis-based Walker: Customer Satisfaction Measurements is restructuring its branches to better serve clients in the western and southwestern U.S. The company is consolidating branches from three in Dallas, Scottsdale and San Francisco to two in Dallas and San Francisco. "This consolidation supports our continued commitment to be close to our customers and provide the highest level of service of responsiveness in the industry," says Allen Paison, CEO of Walker: CSM.

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Notes on qualitative

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Research in Chicago mentions the presence of more technology in the groups, items such as wireless earpieces and interactive monitors that are connected to the client viewing area.

Siri Lynn of Sun Research in Norwalk, Conn., reports increased interest in: Generation Xers (20- to 30-year-olds), and changes in their social and living situations; and in the female head of household, who feels pulled in many directions and views her life as too hectic and short of time for many of the things she wants to do.

Tim Bender of Honda R&D in Torrance, Calif., speaks of the depressed economy and its effect on a saturated automotive market, which has forced manufacturers to gear their products toward distinct target audiences. This has resulted in increased research to understand buyer motivation.

Scott Taylor of the Greenwich, Connbased Taylor Group does both quantitative and qualitative research. He now sees a real trend among client companies to gain insight into what the consumer really wants, which translates into a growing interest in qualitative research.

John Lloyd of Pagano, Schenck and Kay in Providence, R.I., reports that his agency uses more projective techniques, including laddering. Although many clients seem to be calling for these techniques, several moderators believe that few companies know how to analyze the findings and translate the information into concepts or advertising strategy.

Jim Bryson of 20/20 Research in Nashville notes a number of trends, including: more Friday and Saturday groups, tighter respondent specifications and more serious client viewing of the research (less partying).

Jim Hartrich, research director of the Mullen Advertising Agency in Wenham, Mass., notes that management is more willing to act on judgments based on qualitative insights. There is a realization that quantitative research "measures" things and qualitative research builds understanding of specific issues.

Joan Feldon of the Answer Group in Cincinnati speaks of the growing use of creative techniques — ideation, projective techniques, dyads and triads — and generally smaller groups overall. She also notes more concept development evolving into product placement and positioning.

Smaller groups

Rosemary Driscoll, research director of Ingalls, Quinn & Johnson, a Boston advertising agency, has seen a trend in her agency to smaller groups of six to eight respondents instead of 10 to 12; more use of one-on-one depth interviewing; and an increase in innovative in-person, in-home interviewing.

Steve Akerson of Minneapolis-based Colle & McVoy Advertising believes the trend is toward reliance on quick, relatively inexpensive qualitative research, which takes the place of quantitative techniques. He also sees greater acceptance of the researcher's judgment.

Betsy Bernstein of the Bernstein Research Group in Harrison, N.Y., reports the need for faster information turnaround. She sees opportunities for live

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transmission of focus groups, like the Focus Link system and the Focus Vision Network. Facilities are becoming more and more "plush," evolving into business centers and catering halls in addition to research centers.

Lenora Butler of Butler Research in Toronto says that more projects involve repositioning of brands and of corporations, line extension research, product tests, packaging and customer needs, while fewer groups involve creative pretesting.

Jack Paxton of Jack Paxton & Associates in Princeton, N.J., has had more work in the service area than in product research.

Other important trends include the increased use of qualitative research by service companies (banks, insurance companies, health care), retail companies and high tech, a development consistent with a comeback in the U.S. economy.

Lori Sheehan of the Loran Marketing Group in Chicago reports that larger clients are starting to use video-conference focus group services by Focus Vision. She sees more interest in ethnography and more interest in "spur of the moment" research.

Reva Dolobowsky of Dolobowsky Associates in Waltham, Mass., has seen an increase in idea generation groups and telephone focus groups.

Myron Gilbert of Saul Cohen & Associates, Stamford, Conn., says that senior marketers seem to be more interested in qualitative research because "they need to break out of the box" to find new ideas and new ways to make existing brands appealing.

Robert Kilzer of Shadetree Research in New York City reports that focus groups are being used much more in business-to-business products and services. Business marketers are beginning to realize that they, like consumer companies, can benefit from qualitative research. Business professionals used to be unwilling to participate in groups, but it is now much more accepted and businesses are reaching out to recruit them.

Elise Jamison of In-Focus Market Research in St. Paul, Minn., believes companies are relying more on qualitative research. Qualitative research is now often the decision maker rather than quantitative. Often there is no quantitative follow-up.

Bill Fonvielle of the Forum Corp. in Boston reports that his clients are showing increased interest in "expectation analysis"—helping clients understand their customers' expectations by creating what this firm calls "expectation maps."

Marie Greener of Merson/Greener Associates in Tarrytown, N.Y., speaks of growing reliance on research as investment in new products becomes larger and more companies become risk-averse.

Anne Flanz of Custom Market Research in Glen Ellyn, Ill., is concerned with the "scary" development of using focus groups in place of quantitative studies (taking polls at the tables).

Steve Werby of Werby Marketing in New Hempstead, N.Y., sees the qualitative researcher becoming a more integral part of the marketing process. He is being asked to help determine solutions, instead of just collecting data.

Bret Jacobowitz of New Direction Consulting in White Plains, N.Y., notes the change in the relationship of the qualitative consultant. Companies are going to them because they have many areas of expertise and because firms are cutting back on their internal research staffs.

Chris Efken of Teenage Research Unlimited in Northbrook, Ill., reports that there is a lot more idea generation and brainstorming research, and a lot of in-home interviewing with consumers to see how they use the product.

Terri Gacek of Strategic Marketing in Chicago is conducting a lot more qualitative than quantitative research, instead of the qualitative-quantitative research before refining the product. Now clients are doing the qualitative, refining and then using the quantitative to prove or disprove.

Bob Romano of KRC Research, New York City, sees more and more longer groups (2 1/2 and 3 hours) and very specific groups. People meters, to measure the number and percentage of people who made "X" statement, are becoming more popular.

Vivienne Segal of Gerstman/Meyers in New York also said that her clients tend to be doing more qualitative than before. However, they are using it in a quantitative sense.

Jack Reynolds of First Market Research in Boston sees a lot more special-



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ization, such as health care or high tech areas.

Mary Ann Ree of the Glendale Group in Brooklyn, N.Y., believes a lot of qualitative work is being done because it is less expensive. The turnaround is very fast, so clients can often obtain the results quicker than they can with quantitative research.

Carol Mather of Boston-based Telesector Resources Group speaks about how companies are becoming more eustomer-focused. Companies and departments within companies that did not do research in the past are now becoming research clients as they become more aware of the importance of learning about their customers.

Cities

Most of the research is being conducted in major markets. Those mentioned most frequently were Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Dallas. Some

moderators and their clients seemed reluctant to conduct groups in New York because they view the city as an atypical population mix. Second-tier cities include Boston, San Francisco and Philadelphia. (See Table 2.) A number of moderators choose secondary markets because they can provide more of an average American shopper's view.

TABLE 2

Cities where groups are conducted most frequently

Chicago Atlanta Los Angeles Dallas Boston New York San Francisco Philadelphia

Other reasons for choice of city were: market areas where companies are stron-

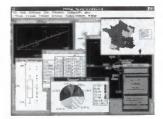
gest; convenience of air routes; and/or cities close to the moderator's home base. Chicago, Atlanta and Boston were some of the most easily accessible by air. Phoenix, Kansas City, Charlotte and Nashville were mentioned less frequently.

Summary

Qualitative research is today at an important crossroads in consumer research. Focus groups are being used differently and the facilities in which they are conducted are different. Some of the ways people use are qualitative make sense from a cost standpoint but they run the risk of obtaining incorrect measurements. Companies and researchers need to look carefully at the true function of qualitative and quantitative research to most effectively serve the marketing and advertising communities.

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complexity, with more group decision making, third-party sources, and increased skepticism from the decision maker. People are turning more often to others whom they see as objective, to help sort out information overload. Word of mouth from local computer gurus, MIS managers, or even store clerks, can be more important in influencing the prevailing opinions among relatively uninformed end users. All too often, companies conduct focus groups of the end users because they are the only ones they can get into groups.

New, proactive uses

Until recent years, most telephone group projects were reactive. That is, someone would ask a research analyst to conduct focus groups of a certain type of hard-to-recruit respondent. Now, people are thinking more proactively about who influences the decision and how we can research and then influence

the influencers. And in these days of cost cutting, reduced staffs, and the need to reach more influencers, people are now using telephone focus groups to reduce costs, finish projects sooner and proactively seek out hard-to-reach decision makers.

A normal face-to-face project might involve going to three cities and conducting two groups in each city. With telephone groups, it might be possible to conduct four groups nationwide, going to greater depth because there's fess need to repeat issues that were confirmed in the first two nationwide groups. This saves money not only in the reduced number of sessions, but in travel costs of moderator and observers. The savings can be anywhere between 10% and 200% (in one case where the cfient typically travels with 10 observers!), with an increase in information quality. Also, there are fewer repeat respondents and the project can be completed faster.

High tech improvements

With such factors in their favor, tele-

phone focus groups are now taking off. Besides the aforementioned reasons, modern equipment now makes it dramatically easier to hear what's said, compared with even a few years ago. There is a presence, without static or clipping, that draws the participants in and allows the moderator to hear nonverbal cues like chuckles or sighs much better.

It's also possible now to dial into the conference system with a modem and see a screen with every participant's name on it. Whenever anyone talks or makes any other sound — an asterisk appears next to the name. The moderator always knows who is participating, even if that person only snickered. There are many other technical improvements, like continuous electronic polls, breaking into subgroups, and talking with the client.

I got an indication of how widespread tefephone group use has become when I sent out a letter to about 400 independent moderators announcing a training class on telephone groups. More than 75 signed up immediately. Many of them said that clients are more receptive to telephone focus groups than ever because they see the need to reach the real decision makers.

Some recent applications for telephone groups include:

- Groups of AIDS-patient counselors and physicians talking about their reactions to recent news about drugs.
- Automobile jobbers talking about recent changes in automotive parts retailing.
- Mixed groups of users of an exercise machine talking with active prospects to see how they influence one another.
- · Cable TV company presidents reacting to changes in their industry.
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Stimnlus materials in phone groups

I'm often asked whether you can use stimulus materials and projective techniques with high-level people. Absolutely. They often love the break from abstract talk and welcome the opportunity to express themselves in a different mode.

You can present stimulus materials in telephone focus groups by mailing them in advance. I often send sealed envelopes and ask participants not to open them until a moderator asks them to, during the session. Using this method, participants are usually very eager to finally get at the stimulus materials, and they generate lots of response.

Some projective techniques work better over the phone, while some don't work at all. Obviously, you can't do picture sorts, montages or drawings easily over the phone. On the other hand, guided fantasies, sentence completions, analogies (If these products were ——s, what kind of ——s would they be?), word association games and many creativity exercises seem to work better over the phone. People seem to feel safer closing their eyes when they are alone, and they are more willing to express divergent, even absurd, ideas when they can't see other people.

Recommendations

Where would I not recommend telephone groups? When people actually have to touch, see and feel the product, or for multihour creativity sessions. For most other situations, you will get just as much — sometimes more — out of telephone groups.

I urge you to give telephone groups a try, first in a safe situation, then in even bolder applications. If you are a moderator, I hope you will remind your clients of the leveraged influencers and people up the distribution chain they are overlooking, and that you will suggest telephone focus groups. If you are a elient, I hope that you will encourage and support your favorite moderators in learning how to conduct these groups. The only thing you have to lose is your airline food.



Faster is better

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that emerge from an analytic review.

Of course, some moderators write reports without transcripts by listening to the tapes over and over again. That process can produce good reports, but it takes almost as much time as having transcripts made.

In any event, without a transcript or repeated listening to tapes, it's almost impossible to place the most important findings in a meaningful context. Reports written without either one of these tools - in short, without analysis can be very valuable if the groups' purpose is very limited and well-defined (for example, does the new product warrant further research? Does the advertising pass a "reality check" kind of test?). But such issues barely need a report at all anyway. If, however, the purpose is to truly gather consumers' perceptions, opinions, beliefs and attitudes — a more opened-ended goal, which requires an analytic report then transcripts are necessary, so the analyst can grasp the entire scope of the sessions.

So, back to square one: How do you provide the transcripts? Another obvious solution is to have a second moderator/analyst in the observation room who makes a handwritten transcript as the groups proceed. (If you do this, we recommend that the observer be a trained moderator: Making an accurate and complete transcript manually is difficult, and it helps if the person understands the focus group process). With this method, the moderator working with the participants can concentrate on what he or she is doing. As soon as the groups are finished, so are the transcripts, and writing the report can begin. That's how I do it, and, doing so, I promise a report within two to five working days of the last group.

Advantages and disadvantages

Having done things this way for two years, I'm now confident that the process produces reports that are not only faster but better. However, I haven't forgotten my own original concerns about quality. I was concerned that handwritten transcripts might not be as comprehensive as those made from tapes, by professional transcription services. I've been happily surprised to find that they are generally more comprehensive

The human ear picks up secondary conversation better than the microphones in most facilities. Of course, if clients talk, laugh, whistle and generally misbehave, and I'm transcribing, I may have trouble hearing what's going on; that's actually the biggest problem I've had with this procedure. But it's not like I'm working without a safety net: we still record everything. If I know I've missed something, I simply make a note of it, and go back later and find it on the tape. That's still a lot less time-consuming than transcribing entirety from a tape.

But the biggest advantage of the handwritten transcript over a tape transcript is that the person on the scene can keep track of who makes which comments, With a tape transcript, it may be impossible to tell if the same person voices the same opinion 10 times or if 10 different people are voicing the same opinion over the course of the evening, which is obviously an important distinction for the analysis. Some people may argue that a moderator will naturally recall such nuances, but remember: If the moderator has to wait a week or possibly two to get the transcripts, he or she may have conducted eight or even more other groups since the ones in question. I don't trust the human memory that much.

And, of course, this procedure has the "two heads are better than one" advantage. Not only are there two moderator/ analysts who have actually witnessed the groups (one concentrating his or her efforts on conducting the group, the other on absorbing everything that is said), both can begin analyzing the group immediately, as soon as it's over.

How long does analysis take?

Here's the really interesting question: How long does analysis take? There's no easy answer. Part of the Puritan heritage of our country is to believe that the longer you spend on

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Jacksonville, Florida (904) 744-7000 something, the better job you do. I'm not sure that kind of reasoning should be applied to analysis. In fact, much of the language we use to describe what analysis unveils are visual terms: we "see" patterns in the data; we have "insights." And the human eye is even faster than a camera. Analysis can sometimes be almost instantaneous.

Sometimes it's not, of course. I don't even try to analyze the findings from a group until I've slept on it. Still, if you have a transcript in your hands, five days shouldn't press anybody to complete a 20- to 40-page report. You can always write the sections on purpose and scope and methodology before the groups. The findings go into the detailed summary and the executive overview.

After all, the purpose of the report is to discuss the groups. All the data has been gathered. (A lot of research — academic research, for instance — is very time-consuming because it's almost impossible to know when enough secondary data has been collected, but that's not an issue here.)

If the project includes more than two groups, I write the detailed summary of each night's groups as we go along. This can be draining, but it provides an extra advantage. We can use those summaries to help refine the moderator's guide as we move from city to city. In fact, we first developed this procedure for a project where we did a series of groups on five successive Thursday nights: Each Monday, the clients received a summary of the previous Thursday night's group, so they had three or four days to modify the project before the next two groups.

The biggest disadvantage

The challenge to developing this procedure has been to make it cost-efficient for everybody involved. At first, it looks impossible. The procedure ties up two moderators, and if you have to double your prices, the enterprise becomes too expensive. However, that's not really the situation. Generally, when we do this, the project work is divided: One moderator works as the moderator, the other as the primary analyst who writes the report. For example, the "mod-

erator" writes the screener and the topic outline. After the analysis is completed, however, this moderator goes onto other projects, and returns only to read the final report.

With this division of labor, the only parts of the project that are "double-teamed" are the actual four hours of the groups and the time for analysis. Even this time is efficiently used, because the analyst who witnessed a group is able to read through and analyze his own handwritten transcript more quickly than a typed transcript of a group he has never seen. Another cost savings is that we don't have to send out tapes to be transcribed.

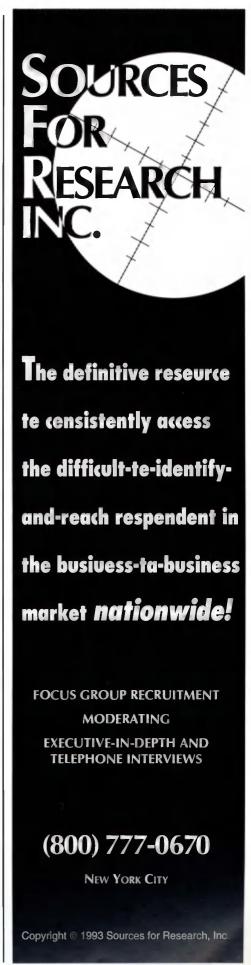
For all these reasons, we are able to provide rapid turnarounds at only slightly higher professional costs. Travel costs are more of a problem, since two people need to travel, doubling air travel costs, but clients have not seemed overly troubled by this. When they need something in a hurry, they'll pay the travel cost. About one-third of the projects our division does are rapid turnarounds.

The final concern about "cost" that people raise about this procedure is the "loss of opportunity" cost: Since two moderators need to be at one site, the second cannot be booked at higher moderating rates. That is theoretically true, but consider: a moderator could theoretically moderate 400 groups per year (two each night, Monday through Thursday, 50 weeks a year). But based on an average of four groups to a project, that would require 100 reports a year, two every week.

My contention is that writing the reports would choke the moderator faster than moderating the groups. Our rate-determining factor is producing the reports, not moderating the groups, so the "loss of opportunity" issue isn't realistic. It's to our advantage — as well as to our clients' — to get reports out rapidly.

Just do it

Faster can be better, and only slightly more expensive, if it's done right. There's no trick to the procedure. But it does requires a good moderator, a good analyst, and a lot of hard work. Every research project requires that. Faster is simply a matter of doing it.



Story analysis

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roles. Women who are decisionmakers in the business world tend to see themselves as having an equal say in family situations.

When asked why they selected a particular bank, most respondents referred to an obvious feature. For example, one said the only thing that mattered to her was "clear, intelligible monthly statements." But after thinking about various experiences with banks, she observed: "I'm beginning to see that I select a bank in the same way that I select my wardrobe. I'm looking for quality in both, but it means different things in each situation."

Responses to direct questions in the banking study also show how this technique helps respondents conceal motivations they think may be assessed negatively by the researcher. The respondents, we remind you, were well-off, successful decisionmakers. We discovered through their stories that most wanted special or privileged treatment from a bank. They did not state this

outright, however. It was inferred from details about how they are treated and/ or want to be treated in retail establishments, including banks and department stores. The services these women expect from a bank go far beyond conveniently located ATMs.

The beverage category study shows

The beverage category study shows how consumers' reasons for preferring certain products tend to reflect what they've learned from advertising. The typical response in a focus group referred to a taste-related factor promoted in advertising (e.g., "thirst-quenching"). In response to the standard question about why she drank wine, one woman said she preferred the taste.

Then, for the story analysis part of the interview, we asked respondents to recall their first experiences drinking alcoholic beverages. In recounting her early experiences, the same woman recalled that her father had advised her that wine was the most "ladylike" and socially acceptable drink for women. She now feels uncomfortable drinking beer or hard liquor in mixed company. Another woman recalled her teen-age beer drinking as part of rebelling against her father. Today she associates drinking beer with being independent and not caring about what other people think.

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Some advantages of story analysis

The results of our studies to date indicate that this method may be most useful for research that deals with:

- Studies involving lifestyles or work styles where you need a battery of statements to develop segments or customer profiles. The beverage and office supply studies were used for this purpose. Analyses of the stories added dimensions that the focus groups did not reveal.
- Products and services where use has become routine, or low-involvement products. In these situations, consumers' use of the product is automatic they have become "blind" to how they use the product. Driving a car is a good example. Once a person learns to drive the vehicle, it is difficult to recall all the steps involved in the process. This applies also to services where use has become routine, like telephoning and banking.
- Questions related to topics where consumers know the "right" or "politi-

cally correct" answer. Few people these days, for example, admit that they are not willing to take action to protect the environment or to lower their consumption of "unhealthy" foods.

- Product categories where you suspect (or previous research has shown) that subjective issues influence market behavior, for example, where use of the product may enhance the user's identity or self-image. This turned out to be the case in the three studies involving product usage. People's stories frequently contradict their top-of-mind responses and self-ratings on traditional interview questions.
- Situations where you suspect that imagery is important to effective communication strategy. People's stories about their product usage often include metaphors that help us understand how best to speak to them about the product. The metaphors can vary for different groups.
- Products or services that are difficult for consumers to conceptualize, or situations where certain types of respondents are inarticulate in focus groups. Sometimes this occurs because certain respondents see the interview or focus group as a test situation; or they might think their views are not as interesting as others'. Encouraging them to tell their stories about product usage tends to quell these anxieties.

Some limitations of story analysis

At this point, we see two major limitations to this method: it is time-intensive and it requires a highly skilled interviewer.

All of our interviews lasted about one hour, yielding almost as much data for analysis as a standard focus group. Since the success of the method depends on getting respondents to recall personal experiences, the interviewer must be able to develop rapport and draw out the respondent fairly quickly. Recruiting respondents from focus groups helps to ensure that they will be articulate. When respondents are recruited independently there is no guarantee the results will prove useful.

We are working on variations of our approach to overcome these limitations. In general, we find that the cost of conducting interviews on people's stories is similar to conducting one-on-one hour-long executive interviews based on conventional methods.

When gender matters

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field. It is quite possible that those participants would have been less forthcoming in a group discussion if a woman had been moderating.

Experience as well as gender

Some researchers believe that female moderators are better at conducting groups with children. The theory is that women are more likely to be associated with "mommy" traits and children will be more forthcoming with their responses. With the increase in single parents (males and females) and shared child care, the images about which sex is better at parenting (and talking with children) are blurring. It is more important



to choose a moderator who is comfortable with children and knows that such groups require special skills and techniques. None of the moderators in our firm has children and our "rule" is to avoid conducting groups among people who aren't old enough to drive. Here the choice of matching the moderator should be based on experience rather than gender.

We don't believe the moderator's gender is critical to project outcome if a product or service is considered to be gender-specific. In many cases, we have noticed that a female moderating a group about a topic that is considered traditionally male tends to get more complete responses because the (male) participants feel somewhat compelled to "explain things." With a male moderator they tend to believe that he knows what they are talking about. We have seen this same principle hold true for a male (without children) who moderated a group of mothers on the topic of children's hospital emergency rooms. The females didn't shortcut answers or assume he knew what they were talking about.

Some rough guidelines

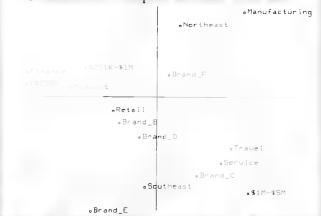
When all factors are considered and the project must begin, the choice of the moderator is critical. Here are some guidelines to match the moderator to the group.

- 1) When the topic is sexually sensitive, match the gender of the moderator to the gender of the group.
- 2) When the first guideline can't be followed, hire a moderator who has had a wide range of successful experiences conducting groups where nothing matched. A good moderator who is "mismatched" is better on any project than an inexperienced, but "matched" moderator.

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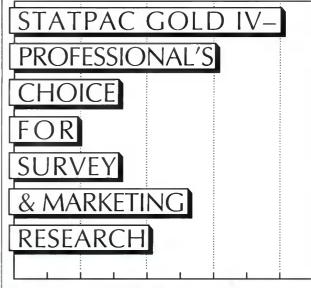
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Tedd Rose remembers going into a research project exploring one issue and emerging with a different one. "Many years ago we were evaluating some technical aspects of our service. But some of what came up was people saying 'You've got to tell us more about what it is we need to know. Tell me more about the breadth and scope of what your service offers me. How should I be using it? Tell me how it's going to enhance my quality of life, rather than how it works."

Sometimes the surprise findings are

about competitors' products. Jon Friedman, director of marketing research at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., recalls, "We did some qualitative work in one of the segments of the facial cleanser market, and went in assuming that the users of the leading product must love it. We saw it as a gold standard to live up to and were concerned that our product's consistency was different from theirs. We were surprised to hear that their users actually disliked the consistency of the competitive product, found it difficult to remove from their faces after use, and thought the fragrance was too medicinal. We weren't looking for deficiencies in their product [but we] were pleasantly surprised to find this out."

Avis' Paul Georgiou also learned something about a competitor that wasn't part of the objectives of the groups he was attending. "Sometimes you get findings about personnel that really surprise you. We were talking to one of our competitor's customers. He mentioned that he landed in San Francisco, rented a car, and asked the car rental agent for directions to Market Street. The agent said, 'Do you mean Wall Street?' Here was a person whose job it was to give driving directions to give driving directions.

tions and they didn't even know one of the main streets of the city."

Sometimes the "surprise" is such that it shifts the entire nature of the research. Judy Raymond, senior vice president, product, at Simplicity Pattern Co., remembers an unexpected finding that research turned up. "In a foreign country we introduced a low one-price policy for all patterns. The introduction was supported with advertising and pointof-purchase materials. The purpose of the focus groups was to hear what consumers had to say about this pricing policy and to determine whether the price was low enough. We were shocked to learn that the retail environment was so cluttered with price messages that our revolutionary news had not gotten through to consumers. We had to shift gears and tell them about the policy. We learned that consumers were delighted with our policy and that they needed to learn about it via clear, bold graphics. We refined our message and our sales are reflecting that change."

These "off the guide" findings are not always immediately useful, suggests Paul Georgiou, but you may find them valuable in the long run. "You may be doing focus groups today and get some information that you don't use right away. But two years down the road, you may be working on something and you say, 'Wait a minute, remember those focus groups we did in '93? Let's work on that idea and retest it.' Qualitative research gives you food for thought for later on," he says.

How can you foster serendipity? When preparing for a qualitative research project, ask yourself the following questions:

Personnel interviews and

- Have I selected a moderator who puts people at ease and encourages openness and honesty in a group?
- Does the interview guide cover all the important issues but also allow time for side trips? Is it a moderator's guide rather than a structured questionnaire?
- Have I briefed the moderator sufficiently about the product category and the issues of interest and encouraged her or him to take these side trips when she or he recognizes areas of discussion that may lead to valuable findings?
- Am I (and are my peers, superiors, agency, etc.) prepared to accept the element of surprise, and incorporate the findings in our work?

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Group difference

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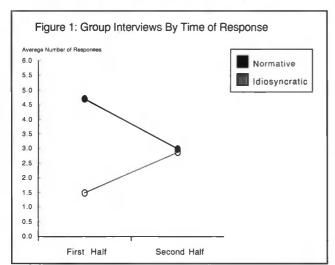
At the close of the interview, respondents filled out two questionnaires. The first questionnaire presented four concepts for "environmentally considerate" product/service offerings from fast food restaurants and asked for evaluations of: degree of liking, purchase intent, and amount of acceptable price increment. The evaluations of these concepts were used as an unobtrusive measure of effort and involvement in the interview process.

The second questionnaire measured self-reports of interview anxiety, effort, and concern with evaluation from the moderator and from other group members.

Results

When comparing absolute number of normative responses to idiosyncratic responses, investigation results did not support the hypothesis that group interviews produce more normative or commonly held responses. Respondents were just as likely to discuss widefy shared information in a one-on-one setting as in a group setting. In absolute terms, the individual and the group interviews produced the same number of normative responses, regardless of the topic of discussion.

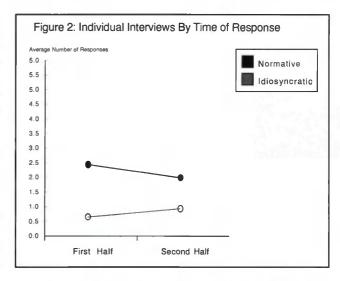
However, the pattern of response production did differ between the two interview settings. In group interviews, normative responses occurred earlier and were discussed longer than in individual interviews, while idiosyncratic responses occurred later and were not discussed at length. There was no such pattern in the individual interviews: Normative and idiosyncratic responses occurred throughout the discussion and were discussed for approximately the same amount of time. (See Figs. 1, 2 and 3.)



The self-reports and the unobtrusive measure also did not support the hypothesis of varying levels of anxiety in the two interview settings. Group participants were no less anxious or concerned with evaluation than were individual interviewees. Furthermore, group participants put just as much effort into evaluating concepts as did the individual interview participants.

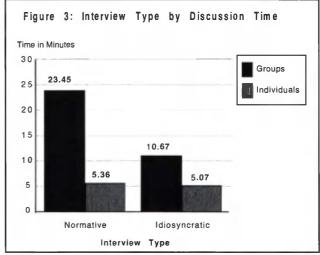
Implications

It has long been assumed that the reasons to choose a group interview setting over other qualitative methods are: reduc-



tion of anxiety, stimulating talk and self-disclosure, and direct observation of peer influences. The results presented here confirm the third assumption: that focus group discussions are a way to observe how social forces affect a given topic.

Although the group setting does not elicit a greater number of commonly held responses, it does lead to early discussion of shared thoughts and to lengthier discussion of this information. By observing the pattern of responses in the group—which information comes first and what is discussed at length—we can separate the commonly shared thoughts from the highly personal. The same responses are present in an indi-



vidual interview, but they are mixed in with highly individualistic information and are thus harder to identify. The group interview can provide an immediate sense of which opinions and behaviors are pervasive in the population. The same information can only be discerned from individual interviews after a comparative analysis of responses.

This research also indicates that there is no difference in participants' level of anxiety or involvement in the two

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Friedman Marketing/Little Rock The Pines Mall 2901 Pines Mall Drive Pine Bluff, AR 71601 Ph. 501-535-1688 Fax 501-535-1754 1.3.4.6.7A

CALIFORNIA

BAKERSFIELD

Marketing Works 425 18th Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 Ph. 805-326-1012 Fax 805-326-0903 Contact: Debbie Duncan 1,3,4,6,7C,8,9

Rm. 1) 12x20 Rm. 2) 12x12 [†]Rm. 3) 12x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 6 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

FRESNO

AIS Market Research 2070 N. Winery Fresno, CA 93703 Ph. 209-252-2727 Fax 209-252-8343 Contact: Patricia Alviso 1,3,4,6,7C Rm. 1) 13x18

Bartels Research Corp. 145 Shaw Ave., Ste. C-1 & 2 Clovis, CA 93612 Ph. 209-298-7557 Contact: Joellen Bartels 1.3.4.6.7B

Nichols Research

557 East Shaw Fresno, CA 93710 Ph. 209-226-3100 Fax 209-226-9354 Contact: Sherrie Hasday 1,3,4,6,7A,8(2)

Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 1) 15x20

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LOS ANGELES

Adept Consumer Testing/Beverly Hills 345 No. Maple Dr., Ste. 325 Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Ph. 818-905-1525 Fax 818-905-8936 Contact: Mark Tobias 1.3.4.6.7B.8.9

Rm. 1) 20x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 2) 21x15 Rm. 3) 12x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 4) 12x12 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Adept Consumer Testing/Los Angeles 17323 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 308

Encino, CA 91316 Ph. 818-905-1525 Fax 818-905-8936 Contact: Mark Tobias 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 21x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Rm. 2) 20x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 18x16 Rm. 4) 12x12 Obs. Rm. Seats 4

Adler Weiner Research/L.A. Inc. 11911 San Vicente Blvd., Ste. 200 Los Angeles, CA 90049 Ph. 310-440-2330 Fax 310-440-2348 Contact: Phyllis Gordon 1,3,4,6,7B

Area Phone Bank 3607 W. Magnolia Blvd., Ste. N Burbank, CA 91505 Ph. 818-848-8282 Fax 818-846-9912 Contact: Ed Goldbaum 1.3.6.7B

Assistance In Marketing/Los Angeles 3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Ste. 100 Long Beach, CA 90806 Ph. 310-981-2700 Fax 310-981-2705 Contact: David Weinberg 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 24x32 Rm. 2) 20x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 22 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

California Oualitative Center (See Ted Heiman & Ascts.)

Car-Lene Research Inc. Santa Fe Springs Mall Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 Ph. 310-946-2176 Contact: Danella Hawkins 1,3,4,6,7A

Consumer Pulse of Los Angeles Galleria at South Bay, #269 Redondo Beach, CA 90278 Ph. 310-371-5578 Fax 310-542-2669 Contact: Angie Abell 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9

Tom Dale Market Research 9165 Phyllis Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90069 Ph. 212-758-9777 Fax 310-550-0015 Contact: Tom Dale 1,2,3,4,6,7D

Davis Market Research Services 23801 Calabasas Road Calabasas, CA 91302 Ph. 818-591-2408 Fax 818-591-2488 Contact: Carol Davis 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 16x22 Rm. 2) 14x27 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Obs. Rm. Seats 5

Rm. 3) 11x14

Facts 'N Figures Panorama Mall, Ste. 78B Panorama City, CA 91402 Ph. 805-272-4888 Fax 818-891-6119 Contact: Dee Escoe 1,3,4,6,7A 8,9

Facts 'N Figures 1233 W. Ave. P. #701 Palmdale, CA 93551 Ph. 805-272-4888 Fax 805-272-5676 Contact: Steve Escoe 1,3,7A,8,9

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17547 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 308

Encino, CA 91316 Ph. 818-783-2502 Fax 818-905-3216 Contact: Tony Blass 1,2,3,4,6,7B

(See advertisement on p. 59)

Fox Research 852 S. Lucerne Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90005 Ph. 213-934-8628 Fax 213-857-0280 Contact: Betty Fox 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Girard & Girard Creative Concepts 20854 Laurent St. Chatsworth, CA 91311 Ph. 818-773-8801 Contact: Arlyne Girard 1,3,6,7B,8,9

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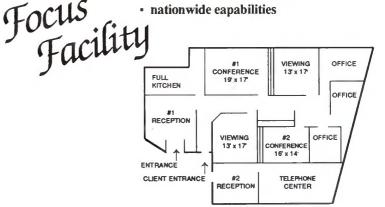
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Conference Style Room
 A. Located in Shopping Mall
 TB. Located in Office Building

Observation Room
 Test Kitchen

7B. Located in Office Building 7C. Free Standing Building

4. Test Kitchen 7D. Other
5. Test Kitchen Obsv. Rm. 8. 1-on-1 Room
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Heakin Research Inc. 6633 Fallbrook Avenue Canoga Park, CA 91304 Ph. 818-712-0660 Contact: Gail Stutz 1.3.4.6.7A

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20350 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 140 Woodland Hills, CA 91364 Ph. 818-710-0940 Fax 818-887-2750 Contact: Ted Heiman 1.3.4.6.7B

Rm. 1) 16x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

(See advertisement on p. 60)

House of Marketing 3446 Madera Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90039 Ph. 213-661-1109 Fax 213-661-9124 Contact: Kevin Howe 1,2,3,4,6,7D,8

Rm. 1) 15x20 [†]Rm. 2) 20x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 9

House of Marketing 95 N. Marengo Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101 Ph. 213-661-1109 Fax 213-661-9124 Contact: Kevin Howe

1,2,3,4,6,7D,8 Rm. 1) 25x25

Obs. Rm. Seats 5,20

Juarez and Associates 12139 National Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064 Ph. 310-478-0826 Contact: Nicandro Juarez 1,3,7C Rm. 1) 10x25

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17337 Ventura Blvd., #301 Encino, CA 91316 Ph. 818-501-4794 Fax 818-907-8242 Contact: Jay Crossan 1,3,4,6,7C

Rm. 1) 15x19 Rm. 2) 13x17 Rm. 3) 13x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 23 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Rm. 3) 13x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 5 (See advertisement on the back cover)

L.A. Research Inc. 9010 Reseda Blvd., #109 Northridge, CA 91324 Ph. 818-993-5500 Fax 818-993-5664 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9 Rm. 1) 16x23 Obs.

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Los Angeles Marketing Research Associates 5712 Lankershim Blvd. No. Hollywood, CA 91601 Ph. 818-506-5544 Fax 818-762-5144 Contact: William Bilkiss 1,3,6,7C

Rm. 1) 20x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Marketing Matrix, Inc.

2566 Overland, Ste. 716 Los Angeles, CA 90064 Ph. 310-842-8310 Fax 310-842-7212 Contact: Lori Castagnola 1.3.6.78.8.9

Rm. 1) 11x22 Rm. 2) 10x13 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 5

(See advertisement on p. 61)

Meczka Marketing Research 5757 W. Century Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045 Ph. 213-670-4824 Contact: Dona Browne

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Mid-America Research 301 Santa Monica Pl. Santa Monica, CA 90401 Ph. 310-260-3237 Fax 310-260-3241 Contact: David Ottenfeld 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 9x10 Rm. 2) 10x10 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

MSI International 12604 Hiddencreek Way, #A Cerritos, CA 90701 Ph. 310-802-8273 Fax 310-802-1643 Contact: Maggie Schmidt 1,3,6,7C

Murray Hill Center West 2951 28th St., Ste. #3070 Santa Monica, CA 90405 Ph. 310-392-7337 Fax 310-392-8743 Contact: Sue Mender 1,3,4,5,6,7B

Pacific Research 1210 So. Shenandoah, #104 Los Angeles, CA 90035 Ph. 310-273-2477 Fax 310-273-2533 Contact: Kim McDermott 1,3,6,7B

PKM Marketing Research Services 15618 B East Whittwood Lane Whittier, CA 90603 Ph. 310-694-5634 Fax 310-947-6261 Contact: Patricia M. Koerner 1,3.4,6,7A

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Los Angeles, CA 90045
Ph. 310-645-1700 or 800-654-8002
Fax 310-645-3008
Contact: Kris Lamb
1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9
Rm. 1) 15x20
Obs. Rm. Seats 15
Rm. 2) 15x20
Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 3) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

[†]Rm. 4) 20x15

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Plog Research Inc. 18631 Sherman Way Reseda, CA 91335 Ph. 818-345-7363 Fax 818-345-9265 Contact: Shelley Sasson 1,3,4,6,7C

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Fax 310-316-4815
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1,3,4,6,78,8,9
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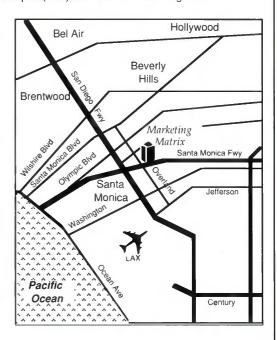
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Codes for the first line are:

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3. Observation Room

4. Test Kitchen

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7D. Other

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Quick Test, Inc.

5430 Van Nuys Blvd., Ste. 102 Van Nuys, CA 91401 Ph. 818-995-1400 Fax 818-995-1529 Contact: James Tackett 1,2,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 13x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 95)

Santa Monica Surveys 1334 Third Street, #303 Santa Monica, CA 90401 Ph. 310-394-7864 Fax 310-393-0248 Contact: Denese Hebert

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17277 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 200

Encino, CA 91316 Ph. 800-872-4022

Fax 818-783-8626 Contact: Anne Moiseyev

1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 14x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 12x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 14

(See advertisement on p. 62)

Suburban Associates of Los Angeles 2001 S. Barrington, Ste. 109 Los Angeles, CA 90025 Ph. 310-478-2565 Fax 310-444-9678 Contact: Carol Kunicki 1,3,4,5,6,7B

Trotta Associates 13160 Mindanao Way, Ste. 180 Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Ph. 310-306-6866 Fax 310-827-5198 Contact: Diane Trotta

1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 18x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 16x18 [†]Rm. 4) 14x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

The Viewing Room/ASI Market Research

2600 W. Olive Ave., Ste. 700

Burbank, CA 91505 Ph. 818-843-4400 Fax 818-843-6889

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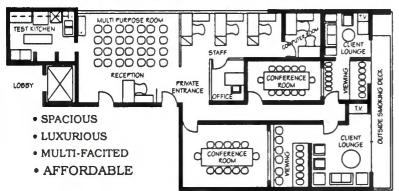
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Contact: Sue Amidei

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 27x28 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 20x28 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Obs. Rm. Seats Rm. 3) 27x28 (See advertisement on p. 63)

Assistance In Marketing

Huntington Ctr. Mall, 7777 Edinger Ave. Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Ph. 714-891-2440 Fax 714-898-1126

Contact: Cindi Reves 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 18x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Beta Research West 14747 Artesia Blvd., #1-D&E La Mirada, CA 90638 Ph. 714-994-1206 Fax 714-994-1835 Contact: Jay Zelinka 1,3,6,7C Rm. 1) 20x10 Rm. 2) 14x10

Discovery Research Group 17815 Sky Park Circle, Ste. L Irvine, CA 92714 Ph. 714-261-8353 Fax 714-852-0110 1,3,4,6,7B Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 1) 15x19

FMJ Marketing Research Services 610 Newport Center Dr. Newport Beach, CA 92660 Ph. 714-759-9500 Fax 714-759-1265 Contact: Jim Gaylord

1.3.6.7B.8 Rm, 1) 22x28

Rm. 2) 18x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Obs. Rm. Seats 14

Rm. 2) 18x18

Friedman Marketing/Los Angeles Buena Park Mall 8623 On-The-Mall #123 Buena Park, CA 90620 Ph. 714-995-6000 Fax 714-995-0637 1,3,4,5,6,7A

The Question Shop, Inc. 2860 No. Santiago Blvd., Ste. 100 Orange, CA 92667 Ph. 714-974-8020 Fax 714-974-6968 Contact: Ryan Reason 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 17x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 2) 14x18

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 42)

Quick Test, Inc. 18003 Sky Park South, Ste. L Irvine, CA 92714 Ph. 714-261-8800 Fax 714-261-9037 Contact: Charlene Kaloper

Rm. 1) 13x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Quick Test, Inc.

2009 Westminster Mall Westminster, CA 92683 Ph. 714-891-2111 Fax 714-891-8985 Contact: Linda Green 1.3.4.6.7A Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Spanish Business Services 220 E. Fourth St., #208 Santa Ana, CA 92701-4604 Ph. 714-568-0450 Fax 714-568-0454 Contact: Greg May 1,3,6,7D

Trotta Associates 5 Park Plaza, Ste. 200 Irvine, CA 92714 Ph. 714-251-2700 Fax 714-251-2707 Contact: Ingrid Robertson 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 18x18 Rm. 2) 18x18 Rm. 3) 16x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 16 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm, Seats 12

RIVERSIDE

Field Management Associates 3601 Riverside Plaza Riverside, CA 92506 Ph. 909-369-0800 Fax 909-369-0957 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9(10,4) Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 1) 15x15 Rm. 2) 12x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 4

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Heakin Research Inc. 1689 Arden Way, #1281 Sacramento, CA 95815 Ph. 916-920-1361 Contact: Nancy Cunningham 1,3,4,6,7A

Research Unlimited 1012 Second St. Sacramento, CA 95814 Ph. 916-446-6064 Fax 916-448-2355 Contact: Tom Green 1,3,4,6,7C †Rm. 1) 12x22

Sacramento Research Center 2410 Fair Oaks Blvd., #170 Sacramento, CA 95825 Ph. 800-235-5028 Contact: Norman Spector 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

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Analysis Research

4655 Ruffner St., Ste. 180 San Diego, CA 92111 Ph. 619-268-4800 Fax 619-268-4892 Contact: James Smith 1,2,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 17x12 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 64)

Directions in Research Inc. 5353 Mission Center Rd., Ste. 310 San Diego, CA 92108 Ph. 619-299-5883 Contact: David Phife 1,3,4,6,7B

Eastcoast Westcoast Field Market Research 523 North Horne Street Oceanside, CA 92054 Ph. 619-721-4114 Fax 619-721-6684 Contact: Mickey McKenna 1,3,4,6,7B

Fogerty Group 5090 Shoreham Pl., Ste. 206 San Diego, CA 92122 Ph. 619-550-3878 Fax 619-550-3875 Contact: Joan Pietila 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Intercontinental Marketing Investigations Inc. P.O. Box 2147
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Novick Ayres Research 2657 Vista Way, Ste. 5 Oceanside, CA 92054 Ph. 619-967-1307 Fax 619-967-4143 Contact: Suzette Novick 1,2,3,4,6,7A,8,9

San Diego Surveys Inc. 4616 Mission Gorge Place San Diego, CA 92120 Ph. 619-265-2361 Fax 619-582-1562 Contact: Jean Van Arsdale 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

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Taylor Research

1545 Hotel Circle So., Ste. 350 San Diego, CA 92108 Ph. 619-299-6368 Fax 619-299-6370 Contact: Harriett Huntley 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 17x20 Obs. Rm. \$

Rm. 2) 15x18

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Rm. 3) 15x18

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SAN FRANCISCO

ConStat, Inc. 450 Sansome, Ste. #1100 San Francisco, CA 94111 Ph. 415-274-6600 Fax 415-274-6610 Contact: Blaine LeRoy 1,3,6,7B Consumer Research Ascts/Superooms

111 Pine Street, 17th Floor San Francisco, CA 94111 Ph. 415-392-6000 or 800-800-5055 Fax 415-392-7141 Contact: Rich Anderson or Don Orsino 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9(7)

Rm. 1) 18x22 Rm. 2) 18x20 Rm. 3) 17x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

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Corey Canapary and Galanis 447 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94108 Ph. 415-397-1200 Fax 415-433-3809 1,3,6,7B

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Ecker & Associates 222 Front St., 3rd Floor San Francisco, CA 94111 Ph. 415-871-6800 Fax 415-871-6815 Contact: Betty Rosenthal 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8

Elrick & Lavidge Inc. 111 Maiden Lane, 6th Floor San Francisco, CA 94108 Ph. 415-434-0536 Fax 415-391-0946 Contact: Patricia Jones 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Fleischman Field Research, Inc.

1655 No. Main Street, Ste. 320 Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Ph. 415-398-4140 Fax 415-989-4506

Contact: Molly Fleischman

1,2,3,4,6,7B,8

 Rm. 1) 17x17
 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

 Rm. 2) 15x17
 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

 Rm. 3) 16x15
 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

 Rm. 4) 18x17
 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

(See advertisement on p. 64)

Fleischman Field Research, Inc.

220 Bush St., Ste. 1300 San Francisco, CA 94104 Ph. 415-398-4140

Fax 415-989-4506

Contact: Molly Fleischman

1,2,3,6,7B,8

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(See advertisement on p. 64)

Friedman Marketing/San Francisco 5820 Northgate Mall San Rafael, CA 94903 Ph. 415-472-5394 Fax 415-472-5477 1,3,4,6,7A



Heakin Research of California 262 Bay Fair Mall San Leandro, CA 94578 Ph. 510-278-2200 Contact: Steve Teichner 1.3.4.6.7A

Marchione & Spero Research Ctr., Inc. 2815 Mitchell Dr., Ste. 121 Walnut Creek, CA 94598 Ph. 510-210-1525 Fax 510-210-1513 Contact: Sharon Marchione 1.3.4.6.7B Rm. 1) 16x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

MSI Hillsdale 14 Hillsdale Mall San Mateo, CA 94403 Ph.415-574-9044 Fax 415-574-0385 Contact: Liane Farber 1,3,6,7A

Nichols Research

1820 Galindo, Ste. 3 Concord, CA 94520 Ph. 510-687-9755 Fax 510-686-1384 Contact: Sherry Dillon 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 19x18 Qbs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 2) 16x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on p. 68)

Proview 577 Airport Blvd., Ste. 130 Burlingame, CA 94010 Ph. 415-344-6383 Fax 415-344-3217 Contact: Jean Douglas 1,3,4,6,7B

Quality Research Associates (QRA) 383 Vintage Park Dr. #D Foster City, CA 94404 Ph. 415-574-8825 Fax 415-574-7855 Contact: Deborah Muller 1.3.4.6.7B Rm. 1) 21x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Quick Test, Inc.

203 Southland Mall Hayward, CA 94545 Ph. 510-785-4650 Fax 510-785-0641 Contact: Sue Gomez 1,3,4,6,7A Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Tragon Corporation 365 Convention Way Redwood City, CA 94063

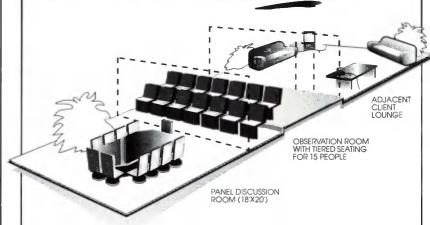
Ph. 415-365-1833 Fax 415-365-3737 Contact: Brian McDermott 1,3,4,6,7C,8

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Margaret Yarbrough & Associates

934 Shorepoint Ct., Ste. 100 Alameda, CA 94501 Ph. 510-521-6900 Fax 510-521-2130

Contact: Margaret Yarbrough

1,2,3,4,5,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 1) 15x17 Rm. 2) 17x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 69)

SAN JOSE

Nichols Research

333 W. El Camino Real, #180 Sunnyvale, CA 94087 Ph. 408-773-8200 Fax 408-733-8564 Contact: Mimi Nichols 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 15x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 15x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 3) 14x16

(See advertisement on p. 68)

Phase III Market Research 1150 N. First St., Ste. 211 San Jose, CA 95112 Ph. 408-947-8661 Fax 408-293-9909 Contact: Nancy Pitta 1,3,6,7B,8

San Jose Focus

Rm. 1) 12x26

3032 Bunker Hill Lane, #105 Santa Clara, CA 95054 Ph. 408-988-4800 Fax 408-988-4866 Contact: Colleen Flores

1,2,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 16x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 17 Rm. 2) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 17 Obs. Rm. Seats 17 Rm. 3) 16x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 16

†Rm. 4) 12x16

(See advertisement on the back cover)

Trish Associates, Inc. 2880 Lakeside Drive, #350 Santa Clara, CA 95054 Ph. 408-988-1522 Fax 408-986-0819 Contact: Georgia Postlewait 1.3.6.7B

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COLORADO SPRINGS

Brewer Research/The Springs Research 750 Citadel Dr. E., Ste. 3004 Colorado Springs, CO 80909 Ph. 719-597-9869 Fax 719-597-9869 Contact: Esther Brewer 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9

Consumer Pulse of Colorado Springs 750 Citadel Drive East Colorado Springs, CO 80909 Ph. 719-596-6933 Fax 719-596-6935 Contact: Kathy Schneider 1,3,6,7D,8

Barbara Prince Associates Inc. 3949 E. Palmer Park Blvd., #D Colorado Springs, CO 80909 Ph. 719-594-9192 Contact; Kay Jackson 1,3,4,6,7A

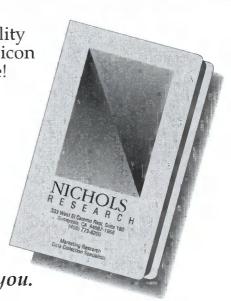
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1.3.4.6.7A.8

Rm. 1) 15x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on p. 93)

Colorado Market Research Ruth Nelson Research Services 2149 So. Grape St. Denver, CO 80222 Ph. 303-758-6424 Fax 303-756-6467

Contact: Cristy Reid 1.3.4.6.7B.8

Consumer Pulse of Denver 6810 So. Dallas Way Englewood, CO 80112 Ph. 303-280-9747 Fax 303-280-9744 Contact: Dunlap Scott 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Fieldwork Denver Inc.

900 Auraria Pkwy. Denver, CO 80204 Ph. 303-825-7788 Fax 303-623-8006 Contact: Ann McIntyre 1.3.6.7B.8.9

Rm. 1) 16x23 Rm. 2) 12x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 16 Obs. Rm. Seats 16

Rm. 3) 15x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Rm. 4) 10x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 85)

Friedman Marketing/Denver 6510 W. 91st Ave., Ste. #106 Westminster, CO 80030 Ph. 303-428-8803 Fax 303-430-4719 1.3.4.6.7B

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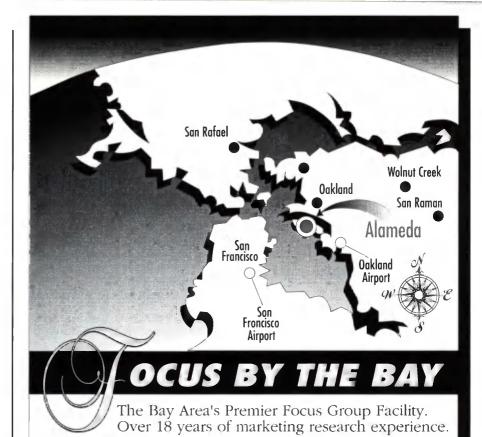
Information Research Inc. 10650 E. Bethany Drive Aurora, CO 80014 Ph. 303-751-0190 Fax 303-751-8075 Contact: Norman Petitt 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x20 Rm. 2) 20x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 25

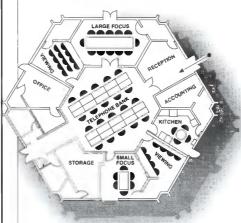
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Message Factors Inc. 2620 So. Parker Road, Ste. #275 Aurora, CO 80014 Ph. 303-750-5005 Contact: John Maben 1.3.6.7B

Plaza Research

One Tabor Center Denver, CO 80202

Ph. 303-572-6900 or 800-654-8002

Fax 303-572-6902 Contact: Katie Barker 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20 Rm. 2) 15x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 3) 15x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

†Rm. 4) 20x15

(See advertisement on p. 111)

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MARKETING RESEARCH

Barbara Prince Associates, Inc. 5801 W. 44th Avenue

Denver, CO 80212 Ph. 303-458-0145 Contact: Ed Mitchell

1,3,4,6,7A

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Villa Italia Mall

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Fax 303-937-0502

Contact: Jackie Stepanich

1,3,4,6,7A Rm. 1) 13x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 95)

The Research Center

550 S. Wadsworth, Ste. 101

Denver, CO 80226 Ph. 303-935-1750

Fax 303-935-4390

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1.3.4.6.7B

(See advertisement on p. 71)

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT

Firm Facts Interviewing 307 Kenyon Street Stratford, CT 06497 Ph. 203-375-4666 Fax 203-375-6034 1,3,4,6,7D

J.B. Martin Interviewing Service 4695 Main Street, Ste. 4 Bridgeport, CT 06606 Ph. 203-365-4900 Fax 203-365-4912 Contact: Nancy Salk

1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 12x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 16 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Rm. 2) 6x9 Rm. 3) 12x10 [†]Rm. 4) 6x9

Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Shapiro Research Services, Inc.

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Contact: Sandy Shapiro

1,3,6,7A

DANBURY

Performance Plus Inc. 7 Backus Avenue Danbury, CT 06810 Ph. 508-872-1287 Fax 508-879-7108 Contact: Shirley Shames

1,2,3,4,6,7A Rm. 1) 15x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 20

HARTFORD

Access Research, Inc. 8 Griffin Road N. Windsor, CT 06095 Ph. 203-688-8821 Fax 203-688-2053 Contact: Gerald O'Connor 1,3,6,7B

Beta One/Focus Facility Hartford 270 Farmington Ave., Ste. 126 Farmington, CT 06032 Ph. 800-447-BETA Contact: Marnie Honiberg 1,3,4,6,7B

Hartford Research Center 530 Silas Deane Hwv., #LL Wethersfield, CT 06109 Ph. 800-235-5028 Contact: Mary Ann Pacocha

1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 17x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 25

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NEW HAVEN

New Haven Research Center 140 Washington Ave., #LL North Haven, CT 06473 Ph. 800-235-5028 Contact: Nancy Neumann 1,3,6,7B

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Obs. Rm. Seats 30

Res-A-Vue®, Inc. 20 Commerce Park Rd. Milford, CT 06460 Ph. 203-878-0944 Fax 203-878-3726 Contact: John Kelman 1,2,3,4,6,7B

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Trost Associates Inc. 585 Main Avenue Norwalk, CT 06851 Ph. 203-847-7204 Fax 203-846-2796 Contact: Al Ritchie 1,3,4,6,7C

STAMFORD

The Consumer Dialogue Center 25 Third Street Stamford, CT 06905 Ph. 203-356-1678 Fax 203-327-9061 Contact: Susan Baines 1,3,4,6,7B

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The Focus Room-Stamford 1011 High Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06905 Ph. 203-322-5996 Fax 203-322-0819 Contact: Kim Angione 1,3,4,5,6,7B

Rm. 1) 14x20 Rm. 2) 13x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 **Focus First America** 969 High Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06905 Ph. 203-322-1173 Fax 203-968-0421

Contact: Susan Weiss 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 20x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 18x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

†3) 10x10 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 4) 16x20

(See advertisement on p. 72)

Strategic Focus, Inc. 274 Riverside Avenue Westport, CT 06880 Ph. 203-221-0789 Fax 203-221-0783 Contact: Yanawan Saguansataya 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

DELAWARE

WILMINGTON

The Bartlett Group Society Hill Office Complex, 1003 Society Dr. Wilmington, DE 19703 Ph. 302-798-4333

Fax 717-540-9338 Contact: Jeff Bartlett

1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 11.5x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Area Wide Market Research 16017 Comprint Circle Gaithersburg, MD 20877 Ph. 301-590-1160 Fax 301-990-6690 Contact: Ann Weinstein 1,3,4,6,7B

Cameron Mills Research Svce. 2414 Cameron Mills Road Alexandria, VA 22302 Ph. 703-549-4925 Fax 703-549-4926 Contact: Fern Shewmaker 1,2,3,4,6,7C

Consumer Pulse of Washington 8310 C Old Court House Rd. Vienna, VA 22182 Ph. 703-442-0960 Fax 703-442-0967 Contact: Jeff Davis 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9

Covington-Burgess Focus Suite 666 Eleventh St. NW, Ste. 730 Washington, DC 20001 Ph. 202-628-4640 Fax 202-628-3840 Contact: E. Burgess 1,3,6,7B,8,9

The Dominion Group 8229 Boone Blvd., Ste. 710 Vienna, VA 22182 Ph. 703-848-4233 Fax 703-848-8823 Contact: Barbara Roland 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 20x16 Rm. 2) 15x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 14

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Gikas International 11611 Old Georgetown Road Rockville, MD 20852 Ph. 301-468-2380 Fax 301-770-0171 Contact: Ellen Rosenthal 1,3,4,6,7B

G.M.K. Market Focus 1700 Wisconsin Ave. N.W. Washington, DC 20007 Ph. 202-337-0700 Fax 202-298-3400 Contact: Susan Bitwell 1,3,6,7C

Rm. 1) 15x25

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Heakin Research Inc. Laurel Centre 14882 Baltimore-Washington Blvd. Laurel MD 20707 Ph. 301-776-9800 Contact: Cynthia Gleeson 1,3,4,5,6,7A

House Market Research Inc.

1201 Seven Locks Rd., Ste. #200 Potomac, MD 20854 Ph. 301-424-1930 Fax 301-424-3128 Contact: Elaine House 1,3,4,6,7B

(See advertisement on p. 73) Nancy Low & Associates, Inc.

5454 Wisconsin Ave., #1300 Chevy Chase, MD 20815 Ph. 301-951-9200 Fax 301-986-1641 Contact: Stephanie Roth 1.3.6.7B.8.9 Rm. 1) 21x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 20, 6

(See advertisement on p. 74)

Metro Research Services, Inc.

9990 Lee Hwy., Ste. 110 Fairfax, VA 22030 Ph. 703-385-1108 Fax 703-385-8620 Contact: Nancy Jacobs 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 18

Metro Research Services, Inc. 1729 King St., Ste. 302 Alexandria, VA 22314 Ph. 703-385-1108 Fax 703-385-8620 Contact: Nancy Jacobs 1,3,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 18

OMR-Olchak Market Research 7255-A Hanover Pkwy. Greenbelt, MD 20770 Ph. 301-441-4660 Fax 301-474-4307 Contact: Jill Siegel 1,3,4,6,7B,8 Rm. 1) 14x19

Obs. Rm. Seats 14

Quality Controlled Services

6691-B Springfield Mall Springfield, VA 22150 Ph. 703-971-6717 Fax 703-922-5946 Contact: Cynthia Dunn 1,3,4,6,7A,8 Obs. Rm. Seats 11

Rm. 1) 12x16

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Shugoll Research, Inc. 7475 Wisconsin, Ste. 200 Bethesda, MD 20814 Ph. 301-656-0310 Fax 301-657-9051 Contact: Joan Shugoll 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

T.I.M.E. Market Research 425 Spotsylvania Mall Fredricksburg, VA 22407 Ph. 703-786-3376 Fax 703-786-3925 1,3,4,6,7A,8

Woelfel Research, Inc. 2222 Gallows Road, #220 Vienna, VA 22027 Ph. 703-560-8400 Fax 703-560-0365 Contact: Adam Weinstein 1,3,6,7B

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Rm. 1) 14x16 Rm. 2) 14x16

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Heakin Research, Inc. Coral Square Mall 9569 W. Atlantic Blvd. Coral Springs, FL 33071 Ph. 305-753-4466 Contact: Linda Bonneville 1,3,4,6,7A

Mar's Surveys, Inc. 1700 No. University Drive Coral Springs, FL 33071 Ph. 305-755-2805 Fax 305-755-3061 Contact: Ronald Teblum 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 15x20

Mar's Surveys, Inc. 4300 No. University Drive, Ste. C202 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33351 Ph. 305-755-2805 Fax 305-755-3061 Contact: Eric Lipson 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 15x18

FORT MYERS

Bernett Research Services

Edison Mall 4125 Cleveland Ave. Ft. Myers, FL 33901 Ph. 813-939-1200 Fax 813-939-1413 Contact: Carolyn Kulik 1,3,4,6,7,8(10) Rm. 1) 14x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 93)

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Obs. Rm. Seats 10

GAINESVILLE

Perceptive Market Research, Inc. 2306 SW 13th St., #806 Gainesville, FL 32608 Ph. 904-336-6760 or 800-749-6760 Fax 904-336-6763 Contact: Elaine Lyons-Lepke, Ph.D. 1,2,3,6,7D,8,9 Rm. 1) 18x30 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

JACKSONVILLE

Tom Dale Market Research 235 Margaret Street Neptune Beach FL 32233 Ph. 212-758-9777 Fax 904-241-7922 Contact: Tom Dale 1,2,3,4,6,7B

Irwin Research Services, Inc. 900 University Blvd. N, Ste. 606 Jacksonville, FL 32211 Ph. 904-744-7000 Fax 904-744-2090 Contact: Kathryn Blackburn 1.3.4.6.7B (See advertisement on p. 44)

Market Horizons, Inc. 9452 Phillips Hwy., Ste. 5 Jacksonville, FL 32256-1332 Ph. 904-260-2001 Fax 904-260-6266 Contact: Charles A. McMillin 1.3.6.7B.8

Rm. 1) 14x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

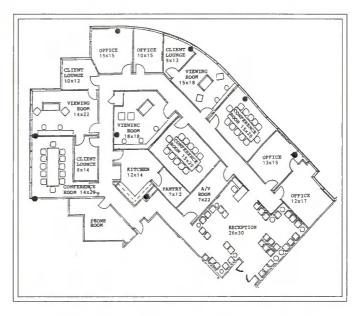
MIAMI

BSR Field Services 2121 Ponce De Leon Blvd., #1250 Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ph. 305-443-2000 Fax 305-448-6825 Contact: Ethel Owery 1,2,3,6,7B

Findings International Corp. 9100 Coral Way, #6 Miami, FL 33165 Ph. 305-225-6517 Fax 305-225-6522 Contact: Orlando Esquivel 1,3,4,6,7B

Jean M. Light Interviewing Service 8415 Coral Way, Ste. 201 Miami, FL 33155 Ph. 305-264-5780 Fax 305-264-6419 Contact: Jean Light 1,3,6,7A

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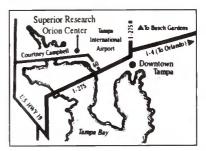


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7C. Free Standing Building 7D Other

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Market Segment Research, Inc. 1320 S. Dixie Hwy., #120 Miami, FL 33146 Ph. 305-669-3900 Fax 305-669-3901 Contact: Gary L. Berman 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

National Opinion Research Services 760 Northwest 107 Ave., Ste. 115 Miami, FL 33172 Ph. 800-940-9410 Fax 305-553-8586 Contact: Daniel Clapp 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 18x22

Rife Market Research, Inc.

1111 Park Center Blvd., Ste. #111 Miami, FL 33169 Ph. 305-620-4244

Fax 305-621-3533 Contact: Mary Rife 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 15x15 Rm. 2) 15x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

(See advertisement on p. 77)

Rife Market Research, Inc.

Skylake Mall 1758 NE Miami Gardens No. Miami, FL 33179 Ph. 305-620-4244 Fax 305-621-3533 Contact: Mary Rife 1,3,4,6,7A (See advertisement on p. 77)

Strategy Research Corp. 100 NW 37th Ave. Miami, FL 33125 Ph. 305-649-5400 Contact: Vivian Hernandez 1,3,6,7B

Weitzman & Philip, Inc. 850 Ives Dairy Road Miami, FL 33179 Ph. 305-653-6323 Fax 305-653-4016 Contact: Daniel Philip 1,3,4,5,6,7A

Rm. 1) 15x24 Rm. 2) 14x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

ORLANDO

Accudata/Pilar Ellis 500 N. Orlando Ave., Ste. #1398 Winter Park, FL 32789 Ph. 407-628-1835 Fax 407-628-0571 1,2,3,4,6,7D

Contact: Suzanne Cattell

Rm. 1) 15x18 Rm. 2) 14x15 Rm. 3) 15x19

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Central Florida Market Research, Inc. 1065 Maitland Center Commons, #204 Maitland, FL 32751

Ph. 407-660-1808 Fax 407-660-9674 Contact: Vicky Stevens

1.3.6.&B

Rm. 1) 13x19

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Hancock Information Group, Inc. 2180 W. State Rd.434, Ste. 3170

Longwood, FL 32779 Ph. 407-682-1556 Fax 407-682-0025 Contact: Lori Sprague

1,3,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 16x25

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Quick Test, Inc.

Lake Square Mall 10401-082 Hwy. 441 Leesburg, FL 34788 Ph. 904-365-0505 Fax 904-365-2005 Contact: Lucille Slowey

1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 95)

Barbara Nolan Market Research Florida Mall Room 422 Orlando, FL 32809 Ph.407-830-4542 Fax 407-851-7115 Contact: Ellen Shamblin 1,3,4,6,7A

Barbara Nolan Market Research 445 Osceola St. Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 Ph. 407-830-4542 Fax 407-830-6064 Contact: Ellen Shamblin 1,3,4,5,6,7C

Barbara Nolan Market Research 1650 Sand Lake Rd., Ste. #213 Orlando, FL 32809 Ph. 407-830-4542 Contact: Ellen Shamblin 1.3.4.6.7B

PENSACOLA

Sand Dollar Research, Inc. 5100 North 9th Ave. M-1209 Pensacola, FL 32504 Ph. 904-478-9274 Fax 904-476-4450 Contact: Charles Graham 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 18x21

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

SARASOTA

Starr Research 8201 So. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34238 Ph. 813-925-7827 Fax 813-922-3289 Contact: Vicki Pobicki 1.2.3.4.6.7A

Rm. 1) 15x21

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

TALLAHASSEE

Friedman Marketing/Florida Tallahassee Mall 2415 N. Monroe St., #563 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Ph. 904-385-4399 Fax 904-385-3481 1,3,4,6,7A

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG

Accudata Market Research 3815 W. Humphrey St., #105 Tampa, FL 33614 Ph. 813-935-2151 Fax 813-932-6265 Contact: Suzanne Cattell

1.3.4.6.7B

Rm. 1) 18x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 2) 18x18 Rm. 3) 13x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Adam Market Research, Inc. 7965 9th Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33702 Ph. 813-875-4005 Fax 813-875-4055 Contact: Mark Siegel

1.3.6.7A.8.9

Rm. 1) 8x12 Obs. Rm. Seats 4

Adam Market Research, Inc. 4010 Boy Scout Blvd., Ste. 755 Tampa, FL 33607 Ph. 813-875-4005 Fax 813-875-4055 Contact: Mark Siegel 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Bordner Research, Inc. 2535 Landmark Dr., Ste. 109 Clearwater, FL 34621 Ph. 813-797-6552 Contact: Diane Bordner 1,3,4,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 1) 14x19

Rm. 2) 11x13 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Davis & Davis Research, Inc. 8001 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Ste. 401B

Tampa, FL 33614-3263 Ph. 813-873-1908 Fax 813-935-5473 Contact: Irene Davis 1,2,3,4,6,7C,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 1) 15x24

†Rm. 2) 11x12

Florida Focus, Inc. 2535 Landmark Dr., Ste. 109 Clearwater, FL 34621 Ph. 813-796-4957 Contact: Diane Bordner 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 16 Rm. 1) 14x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 2) 9x13

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Herron Associates, Inc. 600 No. Westshore Blvd., Ste. 702 Tampa, FL 33609 Ph. 813-282-0866 Fax 813-282-7037 Contact: Elaine Herron-Cravens 1,3,4,6,7B

IDD Market Research 5811 Memorial Hwy. #103 Tampa, FL 33615 Ph. 813-884-0088 Contact: Isabel Dunn 1,3,4,6,7B

Mid-America Research 303 US 301 Blvd. W., Ste. 811 Bradenton, FL 34205 Ph. 813-746-1849 Fax 813-746-6157 Contact: Margaret Wilders 1,3,4,6,7A,8 Rm. 1) 10x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Premack and Associates, Inc. 8130 66th Street No., #10 Pinellas Park, FL 34665 Ph. 813-544-3191 Fax 813-544-2777 Contact: Irwin J. Premack

1,3,6,7B Rm. 1) 12x15

Rm. 2) 10x9

Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Obs. Rm. Seats 5

Schwartz Field Service Inc. 8902 N. Dale Mabry, Ste. 102 Tampa, FL 33614 Ph. 813-933-8060 Fax 813-935-3496 Contact: Bonita Schwartz 1,2,3,4,6,7B

Suburban Associates Inc. 4350 W. Cypress, Ste. 535 Tampa, FL 33607 Ph. 813-874-3423 Fax 813-875-6789 Contact: Mandy Murphy O'Neill 1,3,4,6,7B

Superior Research

3001 N. Rocky Point Rd., #400 Tampa, FL 33607 Ph. 813-282-1660 Fax 813-287-0605 Contact: Shari Gonzales 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 15x20 Obs. Rm.

Rm. 1) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 †Rm. 4) 14x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 (See advertisement on pp. 75, 78)

Tampa Bay Opinion Mart 3302 W. Buffalo Ave., Ste. 1037A Tampa, FL 33607 Ph. 813-876-0321 Contact: Alma Stilley 1,3,4,6,7A

WEST PALM BEACH

Besselaar Research 900 Osceola Drive, #208A West Palm Beach, FL 33409 Ph. 407-471-5310 Fax 407-471-5295 Contact: Laura Horne 1,3,6,7B

Field & Focus

4020 So. 57th Avenue Lake Worth, FL 33463 Ph. 407-965-4720 Fax 407-965-6925 Contact: Lois Stermer 1,3,6,7C,8

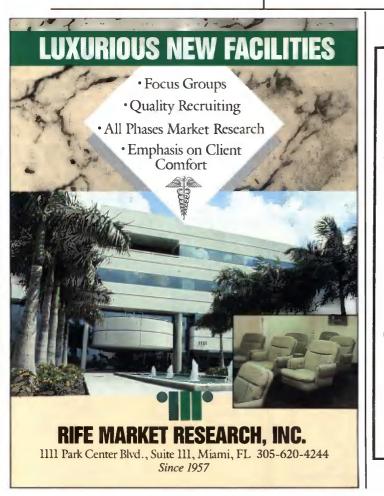
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(See advertisement on p. 77)

Profile Marketing Research

4020 So. 57th Avenue Lake Worth, FL 33463 Ph. 407-965-8300 Fax 407-965-6925 Contact: Judy Hoffman 1,3,6,7C,8

Rm. 1) 15x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 12



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Lois Weinstein Associates 1655 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Ste. 203 W. Palm Beach, FL 33401 Ph. 407-640-3242 Fax 407-640-3780 Contact: Lois Weinstein 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 17x17 Rm. 2) 12x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

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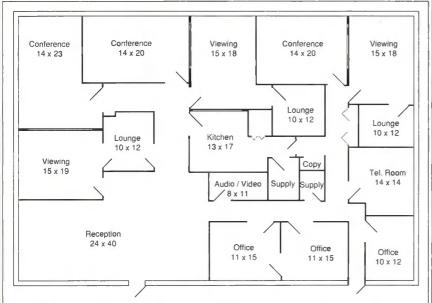
Arena Research, Inc. 1 Dunwoody Park, Ste. 128 Atlanta, GA 30338 Ph. 404-455-0770 Fax 404-451-3723 Contact: Steve Israel

1,3,4,6,7B,8 Rm. 1) 14x20

Rm. 2) 14x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 18

Obs. Rm. Seats 12



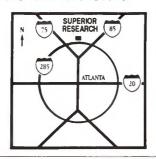
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Atlanta Marketing Research Center Ten Lenox Pointe Atlanta, GA 30324 Ph. 404-239-0001 Fax 404-237-1235

1,3,4,5,6,7C

Compass Marketing Research 3294 Medlock Bridge Rd., Ste. 100 Norcross, GA 30092 Ph. 404-448-0754 Fax 404-416-7586 Contact: Anne Rast

1.3.4.6.7C Rm. 1) 16x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Consumer Search 4166 Buford Hwy. Atlanta, GA 30345 Ph. 404-321-1770 Fax 404-636-3037 Contact: Barry Tannenbaum 1,3,4,6,7D

Consumer Search 2801 Cadler Rd. Atlanta, GA 30035 Ph. 404-321-1770 Fax 404-636-3037 Contact: Scott Tannenbaum

1,3,4,6,7A,8,9(15)

Rm. 1) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Elrick & Lavidge Inc. 1990 Lakeside Pkwy., 3rd Flr. Tucker, GA 30084 Ph. 404-938-3233 Fax 404-621-7666 Contact: Barbara Fackler 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 25x15 Rm. 2) 25x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Fieldwork Atlanta 200 Galleria Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339 Ph. 404-988-0330 Fax 404-955-1555 Contact: Carolyn Lee 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 19x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Rm. 2) 35x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 3) 17x14

(See advertisement on p. 85)

Focus On Atlanta 3953 Pleasantdale Rd. Atlanta, GA 30340 Ph. 404-447-9800 Fax 404-446-8038 Contact: Clara Stokes 1,3,4,6,7C,8,9

Heakin Research Inc. Gwinett Plaza Mall 2100 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30136 Ph. 404-476-0714 Contact: Teri Williams 1,3,6,7A

Heakin Research Inc. 331 Shannon South Park Mall Union City, GA 30921 Ph. 404-964-9634 Contact: Brad McDonald 1,3,4,6,7A

Jackson Associates Inc.

1140 Hammond Dr., Bldg. H

Atlanta, GA 30328

Ph. 404-394-8700 Fax 404-394-8702

Contact: Margaret Hicks

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 24x16

Obs. Rm. Seats 20

Rm. 2) 22x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 3) 22x29

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 4) 12x16

Obs. Rm. Seats 7

(See advertisement on p. 79)

Joyner Hutcheson Research Inc.

1900 Century Place

Atlanta, GA 30345

Ph. 404-321-0953

Fax 404-634-8131

Contact: Wanda Hutcheson

1,2,3,4,6,7B

MacConnell Research Services, Inc.

10 Perimeter Park Dr., Ste. 110

Atlanta, GA 30341

Ph. 404-451-6236

Fax 404-451-6184

Contact: Joy MacConnell

1,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 14x16 Rm. 2) 14x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

MacFarlane & Company, Inc.

1900 Emery St. NW., Ste. 450

Atlanta, GA 30318

Ph. 404-352-2290

Fax 404-352-2299

1,3,6,7B,8,9

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1215 Hightower Trail, Ste. D-150

Atlanta, GA 30350

Ph. 404-992-1289

Fax 404-992-6770

Contact: Dan Brown

1,3,4,6,7B

Message Factors

5208 Roswell Rd.

Atlanta, GA 30342

Ph. 404-256-9405

Fax 404-256-9457

Contact: Roslyn Brown

1,3,6,7C

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Lenox Square Mall

3393 Peachtree Rd. NE

Atlanta, GA 30326 Ph. 404-261-8011

Contact: Joan Ferdinands

1.3.4.6.7A

Rm. 1) 17x14

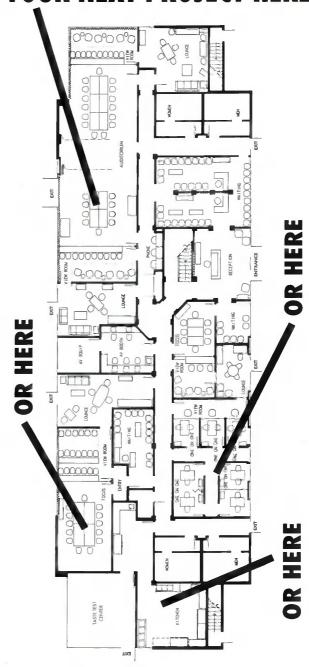
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Nordhaus Research, Inc.

3405 Piedmont Rd. NE, Ste. 175 Atlanta, GA 30305 Ph. 800-860-9996 Fax 404-848-8199 Contact: Dianne Flock

1,3,4,5,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 16x27 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 (See advertisement on p. 96)

Plaza Research

2401 Lake Park Drive Atlanta, GA 30080 Ph. 404-432-1400 or 800-654-8002 Fax 404-432-0730 Contacy: Julie Dudley Wilson 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 1) 15x20 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 15x20

†Rm. 4) 20x15

(See advertisement on p. 111)

P.V.R. 655 Village Square Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Ph. 404-294-4433 Fax 404-297-3223 Contact: Glenda Fears 1,3,4,6,7B

Quality Controlled Services

2635 Century Pkwy., #100 Atlanta, GA 30345 Ph. 800-227-2974 Fax 404-636-3276 Contact: Susan Lipsitz 1,3,4,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 1) 15x22 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 3) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Quick Test, Inc.

4205 Roswell Rd. Atlanta, GA 30342 Ph. 404-843-3807 Fax 404-843-9733 Contact: Towne Saltik 1,3,4,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 13x15 (See advertisement on p. 95)

John Stolzberg Market Research 1800 Century Blvd., Ste. #1000 Atlanta, GA 30345

Ph. 404-329-0954 Fax 404-329-1596 Contact: John Stolzberg

1,3,4,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 1) 21x18 Rm. 2) 19x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 20x12 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Superior Research

1155 Hammond Dr. Atlanta, GA 30328 Ph. 404-394-4400 Fax 404-391-9345 Contact: Rhoda Davis 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 1) 14x23 Rm. 2) 14x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 14x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 [†]Rm. 4) 15x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 (See advertisement on pp. 75, 78)

T & K Research Center 245 Peachtree Center #308 Atlanta, GA 30303 Ph. 404-578-9085 Fax 404-977-0833 Contact: Darlene McWilliams 1,2,3,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 1) 21x18 Rm. 2) 22x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 3) 15x9 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Whaley Research & Associates, Inc. 5001 Riverdale Court College Park, GA 30337 Ph. 800-283-4701 Fax 800-283-4733 Contact: Marilynn Whaley 1,3,4,6,7D

Rm. 1) 16x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 16

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Jackson Associates Inc.

1285 W. Washington Street Gainesville, GA 30501 (Rural GA) Ph. 404-394-8700 Fax 404-394-8702 Contact: Margaret Hicks 1,3,6,7A

Rm. 1) 15x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 4 (See advertisement on p. 79)

HAWAII

HONOLULU

Omnitrak Group, Inc. 220 S. King St., Ste. #975 Honolulu, HI 96813 Ph. 808-528-4050 Fax 808-538-6227 Contact: Barbara Ankersmit

1.3.6.7B.8.9

Rm. 1) 18x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

SMS Research 1042 Fort Street Mall, #200 Honolulu, HI 96813 Ph. 808-537-3356 Fax 808-537-2686 Contact: Barbara Okamoto 1,3,6,7B

Ward Research, Inc. 126 Queen St., Ste. 212 Honolulu, HI 96813 Ph. 808-522-5123 Fax 808-522-5127 Contact: Rebecca S. Ward 1.3.6.7B.8.9

IDAHO

BOISE

Clearwater Research, Inc. (E.S. Field Services) 1111 S. Orchard, #150 Boise, ID 83705 Ph. 208-343-9556 Fax 208-343-0648 Contact: Steve Swann 1,3,6,7B

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Adler Weiner Research/Chicago, Inc. 34 E. Oak St., 3rd Floor Chicago, IL 60611 Ph. 312-944-2555 Fax 312-944-7639 Contact: Eileen Dorfman 1,3,4,6,7B

Adler Weiner Research/Chicago, Inc. 6500 N. Lincoln Ave., #200 Chicago, IL 60645 Ph. 708-675-5011 Fax 708-675-5698 Contact: Eileen Dorfman 1,3,4,6,7C

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Rm. 1) 21x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 16x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 †Rm. 3) 20x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 14

Assistance In Marketing 1650 N. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60004 Ph. 708-392-5500 Fax 708-392-5841 Contact: Laura Shulman 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 20x12 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Assistance In Marketing 1140 Spring Hill Mall Dundee, IL 60118 Ph. 708-428-0885 Fax 708-428-4554 Contact: Kara Kunkel 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9 Rm. 1) 13x13

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Baxter Research Interviewing 270 W. North Avenue Villa Park, IL 60181 Ph. 312-545-4752 Fax 708-832-6154 Contact: Alice Baxter 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

The Blackstone Group 360 N. MIchigan Ave., Ste. 1501 Chicago, IL 60601 Ph. 312-419-0400 Fax 312-419-8419 Contact: Gene Topper 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 14x26 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 3) 13x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on p. 82)

Bruskin Goldring Research 820 No. Orleans, Ste. #210 Chicago, IL 60610 Ph. 312-440-5252 Fax 312-266-1742 Contact: Jeff Kay 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9 (See advertisement on p. 2)

Bryles Survey Service 6847 W. 159th Street Tinley Park, IL 60477 Ph. 708-532-6800 Contact: Bob Bryles 1,3,4,6,7A

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Bullard Research Service, Inc./Mktg. 52 10518 So. Roberts Rd. Palos Hills, IL 60465 Ph. 708-599-2703 Fax 708-599-2707 Contact: Bob King 1,3,6,7B

C/J Research, Inc.
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Arlington Heights, IL 60005
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Fax 708-253-1587
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1,3,6,7B
Rm. 1) 24x24 Qbs. Rm. Seats 15
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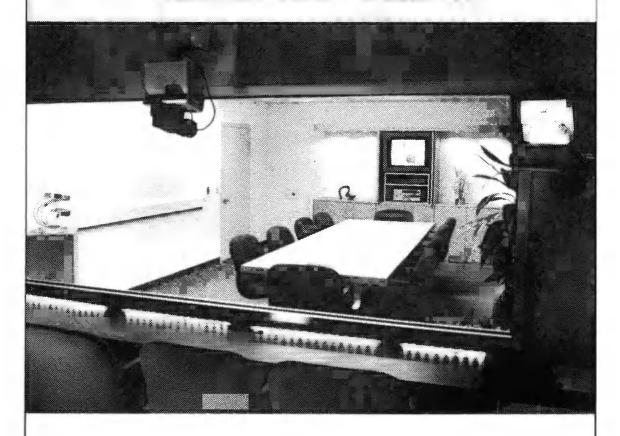
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Car-Lene Research, Inc. Northbrook Court Northbrook, IL 60062 Ph. 708-498-1305 1,3,4,6,7A

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Rm. 1) 12x16

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Chicago, IL 60601 Ph. 312-263-7551 Fax 312-332-6115 Contact: Lisa Hougsted 1,2,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 16x21 Rm. 2) 20x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Consumer and Professional Research, Inc. 3612 W. Lake Ave.

Wilmette, IL 60091 Ph. 708-256-7744 Fax 708-251-7662 Contact: Margie Morich 1,3,6,7B

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Northpoint Shopping Center 304 E. Rand Road Arlington Heights, IL 60004 Ph. 708-394-9411

Fax 708-394-0001 Contact: Floyd Berlant 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20 Rm. 2) 15x11

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

(See advertisement on p. 83)

Conway/Milliken & Associates 875 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 2511

Chicago, IL 60611 Ph. 312-787-4060 Fax 312-787-4156 Contact: Gayle Moberg 1,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 21x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Data Research, Inc. 1319 Butterfield Rd., Ste. #510 Downers Grove, IL 60515 Ph. 708-971-2880 Contact: Ken Jennrich

1,3,6,7B

Dimensional Marketing, Inc. 211 E. Ontario St., 16th Flr. Chicago, IL 60611 Ph. 312-280-0700 Contact: Dan Williams 1,3,4,6,7B

Elrick & Lavidge, Inc. 3 Westbrook Corp. Ctr., #600 Westchester, IL 60154 Ph. 708-449-5300 Fax 708-449-4498 Contact: Kathy Donaldson

1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 15x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Facts In Focus, Inc. 2260 Fox Valley Center Aurora, IL 60505 Ph. 708-898-2166 Fax 708-898-2172 Contact: Matt Johnson 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9

Fieldwork Chicago, Inc.

6200 N. Hiawatha, Ste. #720

Chicago, IL 60646 Ph. 312-282-2911 Fax 312-282-8971 Contact: Alice White 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 18x18 Rm. 3) 16x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 4) 12x20 †Rm. 5) 16x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

(See advertisement on p. 85)

Fieldwork Chicago-O'Hare, Inc.

8420 W. Brvn Mawr Chicago, IL 60631 Ph. 312-714-8700 Fax 312-714-0737 Contact: Susan Brody

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 35 Rm. 1) 21x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 21x15 Rm. 3) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 30

(See advertisement on p. 85)

Focuscope, Inc.

1100 West Lake St., Ste #60

Oak Park, IL 60301 Ph. 708-386-5086 Fax 708-386-1207 Contact: Kevin Rooney 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 7 Rm. 3) 13x16 Rm. 4) 14x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

(See advertisement on p. 86)

Focuscope, Inc.

1 East Erie, Ste. 305 Chicago, IL 60611 Ph. 312-587-1893 Contact: Kevin Rooney

1,3,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 1) 23x20 Rm. 2) 16x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 (See advertisement on p. 86)

Heakin Research, Inc. 3615 Park Drive, Ste. #101 Olympia Fields, IL 60461 Ph. 708-503-0100 Contact: Sue Schmidt 1,3,4,6.7B

Home Arts Guild Research Center

35 E. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60601 Ph. 312-726-7406 Fax 312-346-3746 Contact: Roy Roberts 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 1) 14x30 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Qbs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 13x19 Rm. 4) 14x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 11

‡5) 14x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 (See advertisement on p. 87)

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Illinois Center Market Research 151 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 2413 Chicago, IL 60601 Ph. 312-856-1697 Fax 312-856-0122 Contact: Peggy Ryan

1,3,4,6,7B Rm. 1) 17x16 Rm. 2) 23x13

Kapuler Survey Center North Arlington Atrium 3436 No. Kennicott Arlington Heights, IL 60004 Ph. 708-870-6700 Fax 708-392-2122 Contact: Ellen Greenfield 1,3,4,6,7B

Marketing Services 2525 Gross Point Road Evanston, IL 60201 Ph. 708-864-4100 Contact: Carolyn Ripley 1,3,6,7C

Mid-America Research 280 Orland Square Shopping Center Orland Park, IL 60462 Ph. 708-349-0888 Contact: David Ottenfeld 1,3,4.6,7A

Rm. 1) 14x13 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 2) 14x8 Obs. Rm. Seats 4

Mid-America Research Randhurst Shopping Center 999 N. Elmhurst Rd. Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 Ph. 708-392-0800 Fax 708-870-6236 Contact: Elizabeth Jorgenson

1,3,4,6,7A Rm. 1) 15x23 Rm. 2) 15x17

Rm. 4) 21x17

Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

National Data Research, Inc. 770 Frontage Rd., #110 Northfield, IL 60093 Ph. 708-501-3200 Fax 708-501-2865 Contact: Val Maxwell 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 16x19 Rm. 2) 18x21 Rm. 3) 21x18

National Qualitative Centers 625 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 200 Chicago, IL 60611 Ph. 312-642-1001/800-335-1222 Fax 312-649-5812 Contact: Sandy Nidetz 1,3,4,6,7B

Oakbrook Interviewing Center 1415 W. 22nd St., Ste. #220 Oak Brook, IL 60521 Ph. 708-574-0330 Fax 708-574-0358 Contact: Dorothy Polzin 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 13 Obs. Rm. Seats 11 Rm. 2) 16x22 Rm. 3) 14x9 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Q'Hare in Focus

1011 E. Touhy Ave., Ste. #440 Des Plaines, IL 60018 Ph. 708-299-6636 Fax 708-824-3259 Contact: Renie Vitellaro 1,3,4,5,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 1) 18x20 Rm. 2) 17x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 15x18 (See advertisement on p. 89)

Plaza Research

5450 N. Cumberland Ave. Chicago, IL 60656 Ph. 312-714-9600 Fax 312-714-9604 Contact: Holli Epstien 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 15x20 [†]Rm. 4) 20x15

(See advertisement on p. 111)

Precision Field Services O'Hare Corporate Tower 10600 W. Higgins Rd., Ste. 100 Rosemont, IL 60018 Ph. 708-390-8666 Fax 708-390-8885 Contact: Scott Adelman

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 1) 16x24 Rm. 2) 17x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 3) 23x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Quality Controlled Services

2000 Spring Road, Ste. 100 Oak Brook, IL 60521 Ph. 800-322-2376 Fax 708-990-8188 Contact: Andrea Wilk 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Rm. 1) 17x18 Rm. 2) 17x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Obs. Rm. Seats 5 Rm. 3) 10x10 [†]Rm. 4) 18x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 (See advertisement on p. 57)

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1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Quick Test. Inc.

429 Hawthorn Center Vernon Hills, IL 60061 Ph. 800-759-9967 Fax 708-367-4863 Contact: Sandy Lewis

1,3,4,6,7A

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 13x15

(See advertisement on p. 95)

Research House 6901 No. Lincoln Ave. Lincolnwood, IL 60646-2605 Ph. 708-677-4747 Fax 708-677-7990 Contact: Darlene Piell 1,3,4,6,7C,8

Rm. 1) 16x20 Rm. 2) 21x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Obs. Rm. Seats 14

Rm. 3) 10x10

Bernadette Schleis & Associates, Inc. 1740 Ridge Ave., Ste. 201 Evganston, IL 60201-3616 Ph. 708-869-5999 Fax 708-869-6644 Contact: Bernadette Schleis 1,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 17x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Smith Research 1121-P Lake Cook Road Deerfield, IL 60015 Ph. 708-948-0440 Fax 708-948-8350 Contact: Kevin Smith 1.2.3.4.6.7B

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Survey Center, Inc. 455 E., Illinois Chicago, IL 60611 Ph. 312-321-8100 Fax 312-321-8110 Contact: Susan Stanacek

1,2,3,4,5,6,7D,8,9 Rm. 1) 22x16 Obs

Rm. 2) 22x16 Rm. 3) 30x17 †Rm. 4) 40x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

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Two Prudential Plaza, Ste. 4450 Chicago, IL 60601-6710 Ph. 312-565-4343 Fax 312-565-4450 Contact: Mark DiVito/Susan Meier

1,3,4,6,7B Rm. 1) 18x20 Rm. 2) 20x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

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INDIANA

Rm. 1) 20x30

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DataSource

8004 Castleway Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46250 Ph. 317-577-0500 Fax 317-577-5438 Contact: Barb Miller 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 17x21 Rm. 2) 12x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

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Herron Associates, Inc. 710 Executive Park Drive Greenwood IN 46143 Ph. 317-882-3800 Fax 317-882-4716 Contact: Dorothy Serrano 1,3,4,6,7B Herron Associates, Inc. Washington Square Mall Indianapolis, IN 46229 Ph. 317-882-3800 Fax 317-882-4716 Contact: Dorothy Serrano 1,3,4,6,7A

Indianapolis Research Company 3037 South Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46217 Ph. 317-788-0861 Contact: Judy Young 1,3,4,6,7B

Strategic Marketing & Research 303 No. Alabama, #210 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Ph. 317-262-4680 or 800-424-6270 Fax 317-262-4513 Contact: Susan Wood 1,3,6,7B

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Market Strategies, Inc.
108 No. Main St., JMS Bldg., #311
South Bend, IN 46530
Ph. 219-233-3453
Fax 219-287-11165
Contact: Sharon Boveri
1,3,4,6,7B
Rm. 1) 15x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 6
Rm. 2) 20x50

Midwest Marketing Research 214 So. Main St. Goshen, IN 46526 Ph. 219-533-0548 Fax 219-533-0540 Contact: Clifford J. Ahonen 1,3,6,7C,8,9

Rm. 1) 20x30 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 25x30 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

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Personal Marketing & Research, Inc. 322 Brady Street Davenport, IA 52801 Ph. 319-322-1960 Fax 319-322-1370 Contact: Patricia Duffy Stegmaier 1,3,6,7C

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lowa Field Research 2302 S.W. 3rd Ave. Ankeny, IA 50021 Ph. 515-964-1379 Fax 515-965-8270 Contact: Tont Soares 1,3,4,6,7B,8

Mid-lowa Interviewing 1551-35th St., #157A West Des Moines, IA 50265 Ph. 515-225-6232 Fax 515-225-1184 Contact: Debbie Gudehus 1,3,4,6,7A

Personal Marketing & Research, Inc. 423 Merle Hay Mall 3800 Merle Hay Rd.
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Fax 515-255-3664
Contact: Mary Vortherms
1,3,6,7C

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Data Net-Wichita 7700 E. Kellogg, #231 Wichita, KS 67207 Ph. 316-682-6655 Fax 316-682-6664 Contact: Clyde K. Nitta 1,3,4,6,7A

Marketing Support Services, Inc. 200 No. Broadway, #220 Wichita, KS 67202 Ph. 316-263-3949 Fax 316-292-3274 Contact: Keneth F. Smith 1,3,7B

Midwest Research Services 501 E. Pawnee, #510 Wichita, KS 67211 Ph. 316-264-1485 Fax 316-264-1812 Contact: Ruth Ann Staton 1,3,4,6,7A,8

Rm. 1) 11x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Name Services Unlimited 1786 So. Seneca. #6 Wichita, KS 67213 Ph. 316-264-3670 Contact: Linda McFadden 1,3,6,7B

The Research Partnership/ Wichita Marketing Research, Inc. 224 Ohio Wichita, KS 67214 Ph. 316-263-6433 Fax 316-263-0885 Contact: Esther Headley 1.3.7C

Rm. 1) 14x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 U.S. Research Corp. Town West Square, Store 804 Wichita, KS 67209 Ph. 316-943-1153 1,3,4,6,7A

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The Matrix Group, Inc. 152 E. Reynolds Rd. Lexington, KY 40517 Ph. 606-272-8177 Fax 606-271-1231 Contact: Martha L. DeReamer

1.3.6.7B

LOUISVILLE

Davis Research Services, Inc. 4229 Bardstown Rd. Louisville, KY 40218 Ph. 502-499-0607 Fax 502-499-0122 Contact: Leslie Poore 1,3,4,6,7A,8

Fangman Stevens Research Services, Inc. 1941 Bishop Lane, #806 Louisville, KY 40218 Ph. 502-456-5300 Fax 502-456-2404 Contact: Allen Fangman 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Internet Research Services, Div. of Wilkerson and Associates 3339 Taylorsville Rd. Louisville, KY 40205 Ph. 502-459-3133 Fax 502-459-8392 Contact: Tom Wilkerson 1,3,4,5,6,7C

Personal Opinion, Inc. 999 Breckenridge Ln. Louisville, KY 40207 Ph. 502-899-2400 Contact: Linda Schulz 1,2,3,4,6,7C,8,9 (31,25,21)

Rm. 1) 19x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 30 Rm. 2) 17x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 21 Rm. 3) 20x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 30 †Rm. 4) 19x24

Southern Research Services, Inc.

1930 Bishop Lane, #918 Louisville, KY 40218 Ph. 502-454-0771

Contact: Sharron Hermanson 1,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 24x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 16

(See advertisement on p. 80)

Southern Surveys, Inc. 1519 Gagel Avenue Louisville, KY 40216 Ph. 502-367-7199 Contact: Doris Kaberle 1,3,4,6,7B

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BATON ROUGE

Gulf State Research Center Bon Marche Mall 7361 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Ph. 800-848-2555 Fax 504-925-9990 Contact: Robert H. Landsberger 1,3,4,6,7A

JKB and Associates 2223 Quail Run Dr., C-2 Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Ph. 504-766-4065 Fax 504-766-9597 Contact: Joan Berg 1,3,4,6,7B Rm. 1) 14x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

NEW ORLEANS

Analytical Studies, Inc. 708 Rosa Avenue Metairie, LA 70005 Ph. 504-835-3508 Contact: Myrtle Grosskopf 1,3,6,7B Rm. 1) 16x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Data Collection Research Co. 1683 No. Claiborne Ave. New Orleans, LA 70116 Ph. 504-947-7075 Fax 504-943-0407 Contact: Linda DeCuir 1.3.6.7B.8 Rm. 1) 16x24

Friedman Marketing/New Orleans Belle Promenade Mall 1701 Barataria Blvd., Ste. 666 Marrero, LA 70072 Ph. 504-340-0972 or 914-698-9591 Fax 504-340-7965 1,3,4,6,7A

Gulf States Research Center 4436 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metarie, LA 70006 Ph. 800-848-2555 Fax 504-925-9990 Contact: Robert H. Landsberger 1,3,4,6,7A

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Heakin Research, Inc. Esplanade Mall 1401 W. Esplanade, Ste. 118 Kenner, LA 70065 Ph. 504-464-9188 Contact: Ben Leighton 1,3,4,6,7A

Linden Research Services Corp. 197-36 Westbank Exp. Gretna, LA 70053 Ph. 504-368-9825 Fax 504-368-9866 Contact: Marty Olson 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x20 Rm. 2) 8x12

Rm. 1) 16x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Obs. Rm. Seats 5

Obs. Rm. Seats 18

Linden Research Services Corp. 3301 Veterans Blvd. Metairie, LA 70002 Ph. 504-368-9825 Fax 504-368-9866 Contact: Marty Olson 1,3,4,6,7A

N G L Research Services, Inc. 4300 S. I-10 Service Rd., Ste. 115

Metairie, LA 70001 Ph. 504-456-9025 Fax 504-456-9072 Contact: Lena Webre 1,3,4,6,7B New Orleans Field Service Associates 257 Bonnabel Blvd. Metairie, LA 70005 Ph. 504-834-2005 Fax 504-833-0641 Contact: Andrea Gereighty 1,3,6,7B.8,9

MAINE

PORTLAND

Consumer Research of Maine 672 Ocean Avenue Portland, ME 04103 Ph. 207-773-3849 Fax 207-773-3849 Contact: Susan W. Jordan 1,2,3,4,6,7D,8,9

Market Research Unlimited, Inc. 40 Atlantic Place S. Portland, ME 04106 Ph. 207-775-7249 Fax 207-775-5223 Contact: Fran Mavodones 1,3,4,5,6,7B Strategic Marketing Services
148 Middle Street
Portland, ME 04101
Ph. 207-774-6738
Fax 207-772-4842
Contact: Patrick O. Murphy
1,3,4,6,7C,8,9
Rm. 1) 15x25
Obs. Rm. Seats 8

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE

Rm. 2) 16x18

A-H Interviewing 3610 Milford Mill Rd. Baltimore, MD 21207 Ph. 410-922-9186 Contact: Alma Honkofsky 1,3,4,6,7B

AIM/Baltimore 6901 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21207 Ph. 410-597-9904 Fax 410-597-9908 Contact: Sylvia Yaeger 1,3,4,6,7A

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4. Test Kitchen

7C. Free Standing Building 7D Other

5. Test Kitchen Obsv. Rm. 8. 1-on-1 Room 6. Video Equipment Available 9. 1-on-1 Viewing

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1410 No. Crain Highway, Ste. 9B

Glen Burnie, MD 21061 Ph. 410-760-0052

Fax 410-760-6744 Contact: Becky Valenta

1.3.4.6.7B

AIM/Baltimore

101 E. Chesapeake Ave.

Towson, MD 21204

PH. 410-337-5000

Fax 410-337-5089

Contact: Carl Isemanr

1,3,4,6,7C

Rm. 1) 20x28

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 2) 16x20 Rm. 3) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

AIM/Baltimore

6400 Rossville Blvd.

Baltimore, MD 21237 Ph. 410-391-7750

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Contact: Sylvia Yaeger

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Fax 410-484-0252 1.3.6.7B.8.9

Rm. 1) 14x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Rm. 2) 14x11

Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Bay Area Research 9936 Liberty Road Randallstown, MD 21133

Ph. 410-922-6600

Fax 410-922-6675

Contact: Tamara Zwingelberg

1,3,4,6,7D,8,9

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4 Park Center Court, Ste. 100

Owings Mills, MD 21117

Ph. 410-356-3566 Fax 410-581-6700

Contact: Elizabeth S. Beirne

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 16x18

Obs. Rm. Seats 9

Rm. 2) 16x18

Obs. Rm. Seats 9 Obs. Rm. Seats 9

Rm. 3) 16x20

(See advertisement on p. 91)

Consumer Pulse of Baltimore 1232 Race Rd.

Baltimore, MD 21237

Ph. 410-687-3400

Fax 410-687-7015

Contact: Alice Matheny

1,3,4,5,6,7A

The Family Research Group 717 Light St., 3rd Floor Baltimore, MD 21230

Ph. 410-332-0400

Fax 410-744-2312

Contact: Barbara Gassaway

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x13

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Heakin Research, Inc. 7839 Eastpoint Mall, Ste. 3 Baltimore, MD 21224 Ph. 410-282-3133

Contact: Lorraine Church 1,3,4,6,7A

House Market Research, Inc.

1829 Reisterstown Rd., Ste. 200

Baltimore, MD 21208 Ph. 410-602-2800

Fax 410-602-2806

Contact: Karen House Sapp

1.3.6.7B

Rm. 1) 26x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 26 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 2) 24x22 Rm. 3) 24x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

(See advertisement on p. 73)

Maryland Marketing Source, Inc. 817 Maiden Choice Ln., #150

Baltimore, MD 21228 Ph. 410-247-3276

Fax 410-536-1858 Contact: Barbara Bridge

1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 12x18

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON

Bernett Research Services, Inc.

230 Western Ave., Ste. 201

Boston, MA 02134

Ph. 617-254-1314

Fax 617-254-1857

Contact: Stacey Black/Trish Herman

1,3,4,5,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 18x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 18x13 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Rm. 3) 18x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 20

Rm. 4) 19x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 20

(See advertisement on p. 93)

Boston Field and Focus

4 Faneuil Hall Marketplace

Boston, MA 02109

Ph. 508-720-1870

Fax 508-879-7108

Contact: Shirley Shames

1,2,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 12x27 Rm. 2) 12x27 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 25

Dorr & Sheff, Inc.

190 North Main St.

Natick, MA 01760

Ph. 508-650-1292

Fax 508-650-4722 Contact: Garry Sheff

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 20x21

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 2) 19x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Fieldwork Boston, Inc.

800 South Street

Waltham, MA 02154

Ph. 617-899-3660

Fax 617-893-5574

Contact: Vincent Stolo

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Obs. Rm. Seats 18

Rm. 1) 17x16 Rm. 2) 19x17

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Rm. 3) 19x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 (See advertisement on p. 85)

First Market Research Corp.

121 Beach Street

Boston, MA 02111

Ph. 617-482-9080 or 800-347-7811

Fax 617-482-4017

Contact: Jodi Gerber/Jack Reynolds 1,3,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Rm. 1) 9x15 (See advertisement on p. 94)

Focus On Boston

Qualitative Research Center

400 Atlantic Ave. Boston, MA 02110

Ph. 617-338-9636

Fax 617-338-9236 Contact: Paul Bolden/Terri-Lyn Hawley

1,3,4,6,7B,8

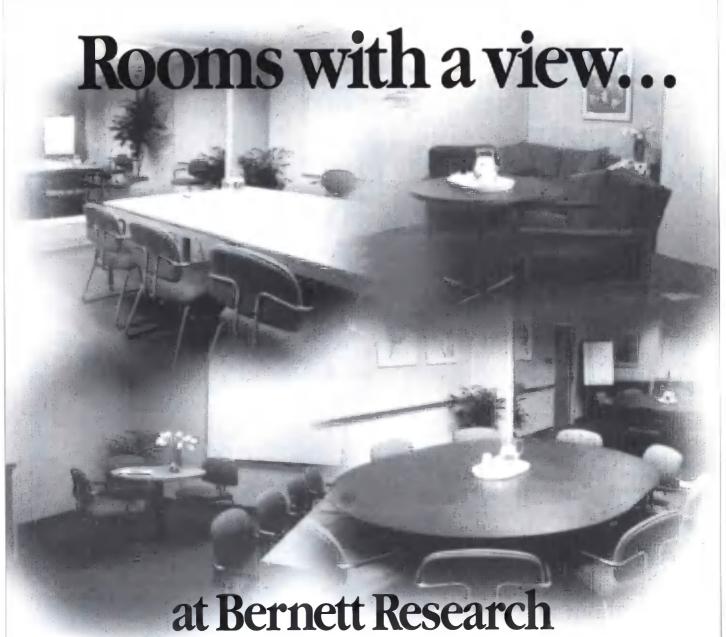
Rm. 1) 19x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Rm. 2) 13x19 (See advertisement on p. 92)

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NEW THIS YEAR: Subsequent lines show room dimensions and observation room capacities

National Field & Focus, Inc. 190 N. Main Street Natick, MA 01760 Ph. 508-655-1926 Contact: Brenda Chartoff 1,3,4,6,7B

National Qualitative Centers 545 Boylston St. Boston, MA 02116 Ph. 617-424-8800/800-335-1222 Fax 617-262-2156 Contact: Christine Riley 1,3,4,5,6,7B

155 Middlesex Turnpike Burlington, MA 01803 Ph. 617-229-6226 Fax 617-273-5380 Contact: Lois Toko 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 20x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Panel Opinions, Inc.

Rm. 2) 16x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 13x18 Rm. 4) 12x12

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Pathfinder Research Group 179 Great Rd. Boxborough, MA 01720 Ph. 508-263-0400 Fax 508-264-4065 Contact: James F. Shur 1,3,4,6,7B

Performance Plus, Inc. 111 Speen St., Ste. 105 Framingham, MA 01701 Ph. 508-872-1287 Fax 508-879-7108 Contact: Shirley Shames 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20 Rm. 2) 15x20 Rm. 3) 10x10

Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Qualitative Focus (Div. of Research Data, Inc.) 624 Worcester Rd. Framingham, MA 01701 Ph. 508-875-1300 Fax 508-872-2001 1,3,4,6,7B

Quick Test, Inc. Watertown Mall 550 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA 02172 Ph. 617-924-8486 Fax 617-923-0261 Contact: Bonnie MacDonald 1.3.4.6.7A Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Quick Test, Inc. Dedham Mall, Route 1 Dedham, MA 02026 Ph. 617-326-0865

Fax 617-320-0049 Contact: Dolly Rooney

1,3,4,5,6,7B

Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 95)

Quick Test, Inc. Hamilton Plaza 680 Worcester Rd. Framingham, MA 01701 Ph. 508-872-1800 Fax 508-875-4719 Contact: Chris Rigopoulas

1,3,4,6,7B Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 13x15

(See advertisement on p. 95)

Survey and Research Service, Inc. 2400 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02140 Ph. 617-864-7794 Fax 617-661-8425 Contact: Agnes Piandes 1.3.4.6.7B

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Holyoke Mall at Ingleside 50 Holyoke Rd. Holyoke, MA 01040 Ph. 413-533-6180 Fax 413-532-6855 Contact: Ivv Ward 4,6,7A,8,9 (7) (See advertisements on p. 57)

Trends of Springfield Performance Plus, Inc. 591 Memorial Drive Chicopee, MA 01020 Ph. 508-872-1287 Fax 508-879-7108 Contact: Shirley Shames 1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 15x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

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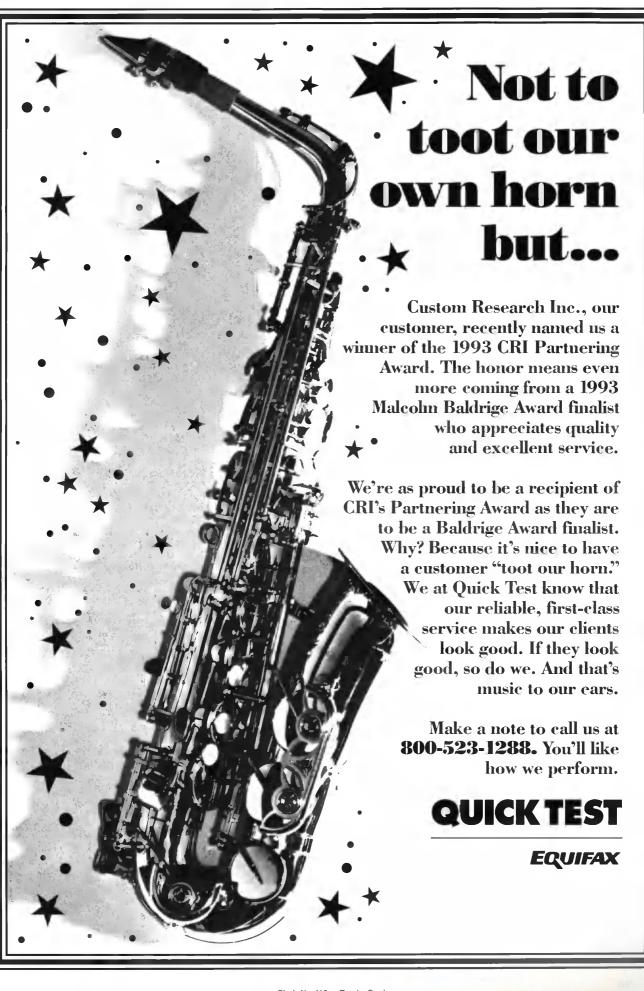
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Midwest Marketing Research 660 Country Club Dr. Battle Creek, MI 49015 Ph. 616-963-6529 Fax 219-533-0540 Contact: Frank August 1.3.6.7B.8.9

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Amrigon 2750 So. Woodward Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Ph. 313-332-2300 Contact: Richard Smith 1,3,6,7B

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3. Observation Room 4. Test Kitchen

7C. Free Standing Building 7D. Other

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Consumer Pulse of Detroit 725 S. Adams, Ste. 265 Birmingham, MI 48009 Ph. 313-540-5330 Fax 313-645-5685 Contact: Leslie Fontaine 1,3,4,5,6,7A

Crimmins-Forman Market Research 26237 Southfield Rd. Lathrup Village, MI 48076 Ph. 313-569-7095 Fax 313-569-2211 Contact: Paula Crimmins 1,2,3,4,5,6,7C

Crimmins-Forman Market Research 29755 Plymouth Rd., #150 Livonia, MI 48150 Ph. 313-427-5360 Fax 313-427-5250 Contact: Lois Forman 1,3,4,5,6,7A

Rm. 1) 12x15

Rm. 1) 20x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 5

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Crimmins-Forman Market Research 29955 Southfield Rd. Southfield, MI 48076 Ph. 313-569-8927 Fax 313-569-7095 Contact: Paula Crimmins 1,2,3,4,6,7C,8,9 Rm. 1) 27x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 16x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Friedman Marketing/Detroit Oakland Mall 350B W 14 Mile Road Troy, MI 48083 Ph. 313-589-0950 or 914-698-9591 Fax 313-589-0271 1.3.4.6.7A

[†]Rm. 3) 15x15

Friedman Marketing/Detroit French-Town Square Mall 2121 N. Monroe Street, Unit 105 Monroe, MI 48161 Ph. 313-241-1610 or 914-698-9591 Fax 313-241-6804 1,3,4,6,7A

Friedman Marketing of Detroit 25130 Southfield Rd., #102 Southfield, MI 48075 Ph. 313-569-0444 or 914-698-9591 Fax 313-569-2813 1,3,4,6,7A

General Interviewing Surveys

17117 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ste. 1020 Southfield, MI 48075 Ph. 313-559-7860 Fax 313-559-2421 Contact: Sheila Smith 1,3,4,6,7B,8 Rm. 1) 15x25 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 2) 13x12

Heakin Research-Detroit Macomb Mall, Ste. 440 32441 Gratiot Roseville, MI 48066 Ph. 313-294-3232 Contact: Carol Hayden 1,3,4,6,7A

Heakin Research-Detroit Eastland Mall #731 1800 Bernier Rd. Harper Woods, MI 48225 Ph. 313-521-8811 Fax 313-521-9052 Contact: Carol Hayden 1,3,4,6,7A,8

M.O.R.-PACE

31700 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph. 800-878-PACE or 313-737-5300 Fax 313-737-5326 Contact: Lisa Sherwood 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 28x38 Obs. Rm. Seats 50 Rm. 2) 20x28 Obs. Rm. Seats 16 Rm. 3) 18x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 4) 10x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 4 (See advertisement on p. 97)



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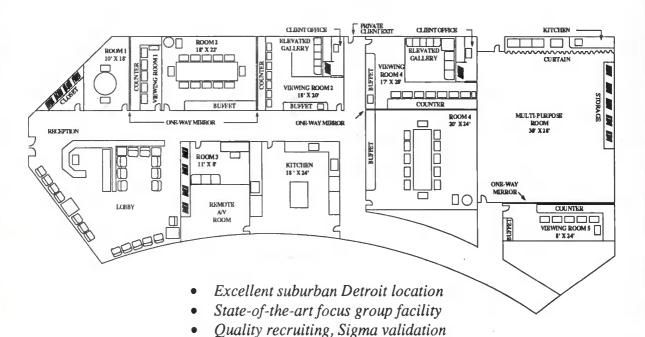
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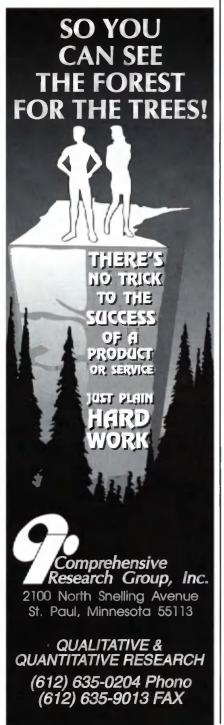
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Nordhaus Research, Inc.

20300 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48076 Ph. 800-860-9996 Fax 313-827-1380 Contact: Dianne Flock 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x16 Rm. 2) 19x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

(See advertisement on p. 96)



Opinion Search 21800 Melrose, Ste. 4 Southfield, MI 48075 Ph. 313-358-9922 Fax 313-358-9914 Contact: Joanne Levin 1,3,4,6,7B

Product & Consumer Evaluations

31700 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Ph. 800-878-PACE Fax 313-737-5326 Contact: Lisa Sherwood 1.3.4.5.6.7B.8.9

Rm. 1) 28x38 Rm. 2) 20x28

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Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 18x22 Rm. 4) 10x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 4

Quick Test, Inc.

Southland Center Mall 23000 Eureka Road Taylor, MI 48180 Ph. 313-287-3600 Fax 313-287-3840 Contact: Donna Wizinsky 1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 13x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 95)

Research Data Analysis 450 Enterprise Ct. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 Ph. 313-332-5000 Fax 313-332-4168 Contact: Terry Reed

1,3,6,7b Rm. 1) 20x21

Obs. Rm. Seats 20

Research-One, Inc. 21711 W. Ten Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 Ph. 313-358-4055 Fax 313-358-2762 Contact: Gordon Kane 1,3,6,7B Rm. 1) 18x17

Yee/Minard and Associates 27300 W. 11 Mile Rd., Ste. 500 Southfield, MI 48034 Ph. 313-352-3300 Fax 313-352-3787 Contact: Lynne Goodman 1.3.6.7B8.9

Rm. 1) 16x20

Qbs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 18x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

GRAND RAPIDS

Breakthru Surveys, Inc. 535 Greenwood SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 Ph. 616-451-9219 Fax 616-451-3833 Contact: Pamela Schichtel

1,3,6,7B Rm. 1) 12x21

Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Datatrack, Inc. 2401 Camelot Dr. S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Ph. 616-954-0303 Fax 616-954-0001 Contact: Mike Tourangeau 1,2,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 16x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 7x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 16 Obs. Rm. Seats 16 [†]Rm. 3) 16x19

Datatrack, Inc. Eastbrook Mall Grand Rapids, MI 49508 Ph. 616-776-7230 Fax 616-776-7212

Contact: Pamela Schichtel

1,2,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 9x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Obs. Rm. Seats 6 Rm. 2) 10x10

[†]Rm. 3) 10x14

Nordhaus Research, Inc.

2449 Camelot Court Grand Rapids, MI 49506 Ph. 800-860-9996 Fax 616-942-1325 Contact: Dianne Flock 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 16x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

(See advertisement on p. 96)

Western Michigan Research, Inc. 6143 1/2 28th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Ph. 616-949-8724 Fax 616-949-8511 Contact: Nancy Vanderveer 1.2.3.6.7B

KALAMAZOO

Haworth College of Business Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3801 Ph. 616-387-5066 Contact: Doralee DeRyke 1,3,6,7C

LANSING

Capitol Research Services 401 So. Washington Sq., 2nd Flr. Lansing, MI 48933 Ph. 517-484-5440 Fax 517-322-0640 Contact: Rachelle Souser 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 18x20

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Bryles Survey Service Miller Hill Mall 1600 Miller Trunk Hwy. Duluth, MN 55811 Ph. 218-722-9274 Fax 218-722-9327 Contact: Ann Hendrick 1,3,4,6,7A,8

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL

A and I of Minnesota 1248 Eden Prairie Center Eden Prairie, MN 55344 Ph. 612-941-0825 Contact: Lois Finseth 1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 22x18

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Colle and McVoy Research 7900 International Dr., #700 Bloomington, MN 55425 Ph. 612-851-2566 Fax 612-851-2583 Contact: Steve Akerson 1,3,6,7B

Cook Research & Consulting, Inc. 6600 France Ave. So., Ste. 214 Minneapolis, MN 55435 Ph. 612-920-6251 Fax 612-920-1230 Contact: Harold Cook 1,3,4,5,6,7B

Rm. 1) 17x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Bette Dickinson Research, Inc. 3900 36th Ave. No. Minneapolis, MN 55422 Ph. 612-521-7635 1,3,4,6,7C

Dynamic Observations

2900 Rice Street, Ste. 290 St. Paul, MN 55113 Ph. 612-481-6937 Fax 612-481-0200 Contact: Corrine Droen 1.2.3.4,5,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 21x22 Rm. 2) 15x13 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Rm. 3) 9x14

Obs. Rm. Seats 6 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

[†]Rm. 4) 18x22 (See advertisement on p. 98)

Focus Market Research, Inc.

801 W. 106th St., Ste. 201 Bloomington, MN 55420 Ph. 612-881-3635 Fax 612-881-1880 Contact: Judy Opstad 1.2.3.4.5.6.7B (See advertisement on p. 99)

Focus Market Research, Inc.

4956 Lincoln Drive Edina, MN 55436 Ph. 612-933-0449 Contact: Judy Opstad 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B (See advertisement on p. 99)

N.K. Friedrichs & Associates 2500 Centre Village 431 So. 7th Street Minneapolis, MN 55415 Ph. 612-333-5400 Fax 612-344-1408 Contact: Betty Hill 1,3,4,6,7B,8 Rm. 1) 16x21

Obs. Rm. Seats 20

† denotes living room style ‡ denotes one-on-one room

Heakin Research, Inc. Knollwood Mall, 8332 Hwy. 7 St. Louis Park, MN 55426 Ph. 612-936-0940 Contact: Elena Johnson 1,3,4,6,7A

Ideas To Go, Inc

One Main at Riverplace, #504 Minneapolis, MN 55414 Ph. 612-331-1570 Contact: Fred S. Meyer 1,2,3,6,7D

Rm. 1) 18x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 9 Rm. 2) 18x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 9

(See advertisement on p. 100)

Lakewood Research 50 South 9th Street Minneapolis, MN 55402 Ph. 612-333-0471 Fax 612-333-6526 Contact: Eileen Collard 1367B

Rm. 1) 14x30

Obs. Rm. Seats 4

Minnesota Opinion Research Three Paramount Plaza 7831 Glenroy Rd., Ste. 100 Bloomington, MN 55439 Ph. 612-835-3050 Fax 612-835-3385 Contact: James McCarthy 1.3.6.7B

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7B. Located in Office Building 7C. Free Standing Building 7D. Other

5. Test Kitchen Obsv. Rm. 8. 1-on-1 Room 6. Video Equipment Available 9. 1-on-1 Viewing

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C.J. Olson Market Research, Inc. 708 So. 3rd St., Ste. 105 East Minneapolis, MN 55415 Ph. 612-339-0085 Fax 612-339-1788 Contact: Carolyn J. Olson 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 15x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Orman Guidance Research, Inc.

715 Southgate Office Plaza 5001 W. 80th St. Minneapolis, MN 55437 Ph. 612-831-4911 Fax 612-831-4913 Contact: Allan Orman 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B

Rm. 1) 17x16 Rm. 2) 17x16 Rm. 3) 17x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Obs. Rm. Seats 18

†Rm. 4) 17x16

(See advertisement on p. 101)

Project Research, Inc.

10000 State Hwy. 55 Plymouth, MN 55441 Ph. 612-542-9442 Fax 612-542-9240 Contact: Nancy Robinson 1.3.6.7B (See advertisement on p. 5) **Quality Controlled Services**

2622 W. Lake St. Minneapolis, MN 55416 Ph. 800-526-5718 Fax 612-926-6281 Contact: Kathryn Riemer 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 20x27 Rm. 2) 20x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 18

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Research Systems 1809 S. Plymouth Rd., Ste. 325 Minnetonka, MN 55343 Ph. 612-544-6334 Fax 612-544-6764

Contact:Bill Whitney 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 14x21

[†]Rm. 2) 10x14

Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 5

Rockwood Research

1751 W. County Rd. B St. Paul, MN 55113 Ph. 612-631-1977 Fax 612-631-8198 Contact: Karen Schmidt 1,3.6.7B

Rm. 1) 12x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 9 (See advertisement on p. 38)

Twin City Interviewing Service, Inc. 3225 Hennepin Ave. So. Minneapolis, MN 55408 Ph. 612-823-6214 Fax 612-823-6215 Contact: Beth Fischer 1.2.3.4.6.7C

Winona MRB, Inc. 8200 Humboldt Ave. So. Minneapolis, MN 55431 Ph. 612-881-5400 Fax 612-881-0763 Contact: Marcia Janzen 1,3,6,7B

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JACKSON

Focus One of Jackson 850 E. River Place, Ste. 304 Jackson, MS 39202 Ph. 601-829-1231 Fax 601-829-1958 Contact: Linda Harmon 1.2.3.6.7B

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Klein Market Test, Inc. 226 East Dunklin Jefferson City, MO 65101 Ph. 314-635-9600 Fax 913-338-3039 Contact: Ann Klein 1,3,6,7B

KANSAS CITY

Decision Insight 2600 Grand Ave. Kansas City, MO 64108-4620 Ph. 816-221-0445 Contact: Betsy Sears 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 14x17

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

The Field House, Inc. 7220 W. 98th Terrace Overland Park, KS 66212 Ph. 913-341-4245 Fax 913-341-1462 Contact: Tina Benz 1,2,3,4,5,6,7C

Rm. 1) 16x20 Rm. 2) 16x20 [†]Rm. 3) 16x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 9 Obs. Rm. Seats 9

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Ph. 913-492-1506
Fax 913-492-1654
Contact: Tina Benz
1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 18x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 4

Flaspohler-Rose Market Research, Inc. 4330 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., #222 Shawnee Mission, KS 66205 Ph. 913-384-1337 Fax 913-831-0671

Contact: Angela Murray 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 20x25

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

GMI Research & Consulting 4030 N. Oak Kansas City, MO 64116 Ph. 816-455-1800 Fax 816-455-3335 Contact: Janalee Isaacson

1,3,4,6,7C,8,9

Rm. 1) 20x26 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

Heakin Research, Inc. Bannister Mall Kansas City, MO 64119 Ph. 816-767-8300 Contact: Pat Stoeckman 1,3,4,6,7A Heakin Research, Inc. Blue Ridge Mall 4200 Blue Ridge Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64133 Ph. 816-737-1130 Contact: Debbie Culver 1.3.4.6.7A

Heakin Research, Inc. 116 Independence Center Independence, MO 64057 Ph. 816-795-0706 Contact: Eloise Mills 1,3,4,5,7A

Market Directions 911 Main St., Ste. 300 Kansas City, MO 64105 Ph. 816-842-0020 Fax 816-472-5177 Contact: Annie Heck

1,3,6,7B Rm. 1) 18x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Market Research Institute, Inc. 7315 Frontage Rd., Ste. 200 Merriam, KS 66204 Ph. 913-236-6060 Fax 913-236-6094 Contact: Donald Weston

1.2.3.4.6.7B

Rm. 1) 20x20 Rm. 2) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

†Rm. 3) 20x16

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Quality Controlled Services

Corporate Woods Office Park 10875 Grandview St., Ste. 2230 Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph. 800-525-1952 Fax 913-345-8050

Contact: Shirley Musgrave 1,3,4,5,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Rm. 1) 20x25 Rm. 2) 16x19 Rm. 3) 16x14

Obs. Rm. Seats 5

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Quality Controlled Services

8600 Ward Parkway Kansas City, MO 64114 Ph. 800-628-3428 Fax 816-361-3580 Contact: Iva Schlatter 1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 18x19 Rm. 2) 12x19

Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

Rm. 3) 12x14

Obs. Rm. Seats 6

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ST. LOUIS

ACG Research Solutions

120 South Central, Ste. 1750 St. Louis, MO 63105 Ph. 314-726-3403 Fax 314-726-2503 Contact: Vicki Savala 1,2,3,6,7B

1,2,3,6,7B Rm. 1) 19x17 †Rm. 2) 19x9

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Consumer Opinion Search 10795 Watson Rd. St. Louis, MO 63127 Ph. 314-965-0053 Fax 314-965-8042 Contact: Carol McGill 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Consumer Opinion Search 1279 Mid Rivers Mall St. Louis, MO 63376 Ph. 314-926-0247 Fax 314-965-8042 Contact: Carol McGill 1,3,4,6,7A

Consumer Opinion Council Research Ctr. 222 So. Meramec Ave., #301-02 St. Louis, MO 63105 Ph. 314-863-3780 Fax 314-863-2880 Contact: Keith Voss 1,2,3,4,6,7B

Fact Finders 11960 Westline Industrial Dr., Ste. 105 St. Louis, MO 63146 Ph. 314-469-7373 Fax 314-469-0758 Contact: Sandra Christie 1.3.6.7B

Lucas Market Research 13250 New Halls Ferry Rd. Florissant, MO 63033 Ph. 314-838-0696 Fax 314-838-1996 Contact: Mary Lucas 1,3,4,5,6,7C

Marketeam Associates

1807 Park 270 Dr., Ste. 300 St. Louis, MO 63146 Ph. 314-878-7667 Fax 314-878-7616 Contact: Denise Titus 1,3,4,6,7B Rm. 1) 13x20 Rm. 2) 12x18 (See advertisement on p. 31)

Marketing Horizons, Inc.

1001 Craig Rd., #100 St. Louis, MO 63146 Ph. 314-432-1957 Fax 314-432-7014 Contact: Renee Fredman 1,3,4,6,7B (See advertisement on p. 102)

Peters Marketing Research, Inc. 12400 Olive Blvd., Ste. 225 St. Louis, MO 63141 Ph. 314-469-9022 Fax 314-469-7436 Contact: Tina Peters-Price 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 12x22 Rm. 2) 17x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 Obs. Rm. Seats 18

Quality Controlled Services

FocusVision Network 1655 Des Peres Rd., Ste. 110 Des Peres, MO 63131 Ph. 800-992-2139 Fax 314-822-4294 Contact: Yvonne Filla 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 18x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 18x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 20x19

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Quick Test, Inc.

505 Northwest Plaza St. Louis/St. Ann. MO 63074 Ph. 314-291-8888 Fax 314-291-8581 Contact: Fletcher Peacock 1,3,4,6,7A Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Superior Surveys of St. Louis 10795 Watson Rd. St. Louis, MO 63127 Ph. 800-325-4982 Fax 314-965-8042 Contact: Trish Dunn 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

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U. S. Research Corp. 338 Jamestown Mall Florissant, MO 63034 Ph. 314-741-0284 Contact: Jackie Weise 1,3,4,6,7A

Westgate Research, Inc. 650 Office Parkway Creve Coeur, MO 63141 Ph. 314-567-3333 Contact: Germaine Eley 1,3,6,7B

SPRINGFIELD

Bryles Survey Service 227 Battlefield Mall Springfield, MO 65804 Ph. 708-532-6800 Fax 708-532-1880 Contact: Bob Bryles 1.3.4.6.7A

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Intermountain SIR 619-2nd Ave. So. Great Falls, MT 59405 Ph. 406-727-7050 Fax 406-727-7847 Contact: Jan Reagor 1.3.6.7B

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Midwest Survey, Inc. 8922 Cuming Omaha, NE 68114 Ph. 402-392-0755 Fax 402-392-1068 Contact: Jim Krieger 1,3,4,6,7C,8,9 Rm. 1) 12x14

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

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533 N. 86th Street Omaha, NE 68114 Ph. 402-393-6729 Fax 402-393-1330 Contact: John Lee 1,3,4,6,7C,8,9 Rm. 1) 20x28

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Wiese Research Associates 10707 Pacific St., Ste. 202 Omaha, NE 68114 Ph. 402-391-7734 Fax 402-391-0331 Contact: Cathy Morrissey 1,3,6,7B

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Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 4

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Consumer Research Center 1370 E. Flamingo., Ste. J Las Vegas, NV 89119 Ph. 702-737-3272 Fax 702-737-1023 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8(4),9(15,8) Rm. 1) 20x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Las Vegas Surveys 1516 S. Eastern Las Vegas, NV 89104 Ph. 702-796-6451 Fax 702-598-0883 Contact: Carlos Kelley 1,3,4,6,7C,8,9

RENO

Sierra Market Research 63 Keystone Ave., #302 Reno, NV 89503 Ph. 702-786-6556 Fax 702-786-6844 Contact: Carl Bergemann 1.3.6.7B

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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American Research Group, Inc. 814 Elm Street Manchester, NH 03101 Ph. 603-624-4081 Fax 603-627-1746 Contact: Dick Bennett 1,3,6,7B,8 Rm. 1) 11x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Granite State Mktg. Research, Inc. 1 North Main St., #201A Derry, NH 03038 Ph. 603-434-9141 Fax 603-434-4176 Contact: Dorothy Bacon 1.4.6.7B

New England Interviewing, Inc. 5 Coliseum Ave. Nashua, NH 03063 Ph. 603-889-8222 Fax 603-883-1119 Contact: Joan Greene 1,3,4,6,7B,8

New England Interviewing, Inc. 650 Elm Street Manchester, NH 03101 Ph. 603-641-1222 Fax 603-883-1119 Contact: Stella McDaniel 1,3,4,6,7B

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Research 100 29 Emmons Drive Princeton, NJ 08540 Ph. 609-924-6100 Fax 609-452-0138 Contact: Michael Sandler 1,3,4,6,7B Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Rm. 1) 12x22

Response Analysis 377 Wall Street Princeton, NJ 08540 Ph. 609-921-3333 Fax 609-921-2611 Contact: Linda Kirkpatrick

1,3,6,7B

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Business Information Group 7800 Marble N.E., Ste. 6 Albuquerque, NM 87110 Ph. 505-265-4760 Fax 505-265-5062 Contact: Carol Jacobus 1.3.6.7B

Sandia Marketing Services 2201 San Pedro NE, Bldg. 1, #230 Albuquerque, NM 87110 Ph. 800-950-4148 Fax 505-883-4776 Contact: Lana Scutt 1,2,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9

SANTA FE

Quick Test, Inc. 1124 Villa Linda Mall Santa Fe. NM 87505 Ph. 505-471-1699 Fax 505-471-4336 Contact: Susan Valdez 1,3,4,6,7A Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

NEW YORK

ALBANY

Albany Field Research Center 7 Hudson St. Kinderhook, NY 12106 Ph. 518-758-6400 Fax 518-758-6451 Contact: Diane Montes 1.3.6.7C Rm. 1) 12x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

J.L.Whalen Markette Research 521 Dwaaskill Pk. Prof. Bldg. Clifton Park, NY 12065 Ph. 518-383-1661 Fax 518-371-0791 Contact: Joyce Whalen 1,3,6,7B

Quick Test. Inc. Crossgates Mall 1 Crossgates Mall Rd. Albany, NY 12203 Ph. 518-456-8641 Fax 518-456-8642 Contact: Pat Figler 1,3,4,6,7A,8 Rm. 1) 13x15

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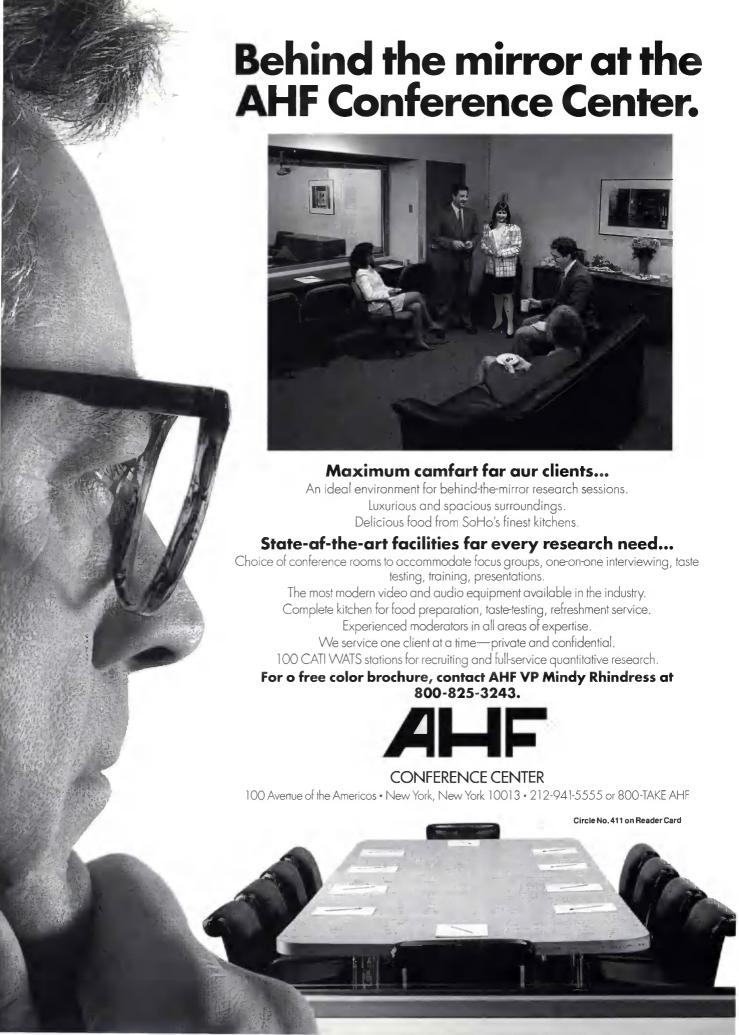
Buffalo Survey & Research, Inc. 1249 Eggert Rd. Buffalo, NY 14226 Ph. 716-833-6639 Fax 716-834-0372 Contact: Jeanette Levin 1,3,4,6,7C

Ruth Diamond Market Research 770 Alberta Dr. Buffalo, NY 14226 Ph. 716-836-1110 Fax 716-836-1114 Contact: Harvey Podolsky 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Goldhaber Research Associates One NFA Park Amherst, NY 14228 Ph. 716-689-3311 Fax 716-689-3342 Contact: Fred Cohen 1,4,6,7B

Marketing Decisions Group, Inc. 9141 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14031 Ph. 716-634-2045 Fax 716-634-9560 Contact: Arup K. Sen 1,3,4,6,7C,8

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Marion Simon Research Services C103 Walden Galleria Cheektowaga, NY 14225 Ph. 716-684-8025 Fax 716-684-3009 Contact: Delores Marsillo 1,3,4,6,7A

Survey Services of Western New York 1911 Sheridan Drive

Buffalo, NY 14223 Ph. 716-876-6450 Fax 716-876-0430 Contact: Susan Adelman

1,2,3,4,6,7C,8,9 Rm. 1) 17x18 Rm. 2) 17x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Survey Services of Western New York 3701 W. McKinley Parkway

Blasdell, NY 14219 Ph. 716-876-6450 Fax 716-876-0430

Contact: Susan Adelman

1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 14x16

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

NEW YORK CITY

Accu-Trend Inc. 1045 Route 109 Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Ph. 516-957-8811 Fax 516-957-8938 Contact: Grace Goldstein 1,3,6,7C

AHF Conference Center 100 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10013 Ph. 800-825-3243 Fax 212-941-7031 Contact: Mindy Rhindress 1.3.6.7B.8.9 (See advertisement on p. 105)

A La Carte Research

6800 Jericho Tpke., Ste. 113E Svosset, NY 11791 Ph. 516-364-4004 Fax 516-364-4683 Contact: Phyllis Gorin

1,3,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 19x20 Rm. 2) 17x19 Rm. 3) 12x9

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 16

Obs. Rm. Seats 6

(See advertisement on p. 106)

Beta Research Corp. 6400 Jericho Turnpike Syosset, NY 11791 Ph. 516-935-3800 Fax 516-935-4092 1.3.6.7B Rm. 1) 12x16 Rm. 2) 12x14

Bernett Research Services, Inc.

Menlo Park Mall 312 Menlo Park Edison, NJ 08837 Ph. 908-548-2900 Fax 908-549-0026 Contact: Jill Teiler 1,3,4,6,7A,8

Rm. 1) 9x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

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The Conference Center 3 Cottage Place New Rochelle, NY 10801 Ph. 914-576-3800 Fax 914-576-0469 Contact: Annette Capawana 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9

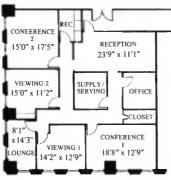
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Rm. 1) 15x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

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Rm. 1) 18x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 14x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 3) 16x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 4) 18x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 (See advertisement on p. 85)

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Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 1) 22x15 Rm. 2) 22x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 3) 17x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 4) 14x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on p. 85)

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79 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10003 Ph. 212-807-9393 Fax 212-645-3171 Contact: Liz Lobrano 1,3,4,6,7B

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Focus Plus, Inc. 141 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10010 Ph. 212-807-9393 Fax 212-645-3171 Contact: Liz Lobrano 1.3.4.6.7B Rm. 1) 20x16

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 (See advertisement on p. 109)

The Focus Room-White Plains 231 Central Ave. White Plains, NY 10606 Ph. 914-682-8404 Fax 914-428-3925 Contact: Wendy Weinstein 1,2,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 14x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Rm. 2) 14x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 14x16

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1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 14x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

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Obs. Rm. Seats 22 Rm. 1) 16x24 Rm. 2) 17x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 (See advertisement on p. 118)

Ideal Field Services, Inc. 1063 Green Acres Mall Valley Stream, NY 11581 Ph. 516-561-1723 Contact: Barbara Prince 1,3,4,6,7A

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Long Island Groups In Focus LTD 1185 Northern Blvd. Manhasset, NY 11030 Ph. 516-365-8630 Fax 516-365-4913 Contact: Mary Garofalo 1,2,3,4,5,6,7Ć

Manhattan Opinion Center 369 Lexington Ave., 2nd Fl. New York, NY 10017 Ph. 212-972-5553 Fax 212-557-3085 Contact: Lisa Ratteray 1,3,6,7B

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MetroMarket Research Center 855 Valley Road Clifton, NJ 07013 Ph. 201-470-0044 Fax 201-470-0397 Contact: Kathleen Rosenberg 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 22x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 17x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

[†]Rm. 3) 22x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Mid-America Research 131 Livingston Mall Livingston, NJ 07039 Ph. 201-740-1566 Fax 201-740-0569 Contact: Rhoda Whetstein

1,3,4,6,7A,8,9 Rm. 1) 17x11 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 2) 17x11 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

T. A. Miller Company, Inc. 1060 Clifton Ave. Clifton, NJ 07015 Ph. 201-778-6011 Fax 201-778-5975 Contact: Thomas Miller 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

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National Quality Interviewers (NQI) Ocean County Mall, 1202 Hooper Ave., #238 Toms River, NJ 08753 Ph. 908-244-71 Fax 908-244-6011 Contact: Elisse Koster

1,3,6,7A,8

Rm. 1) 12x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 2) 15x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

New York Conference Center, Inc. 240 Madison Avenue, 5th Fl. New York, NY 10016 Ph. 212-682-0220 Fax 212-682-0214 Contact: Anne McLaughlin 1,3,6,7B,8,9

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12 East 41st Street New York, NY 10017 Ph. 212-481-3780 Fax 212-779-8623 Contact: Nancy Opoczynski 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 17x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 16x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 3) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 4) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on the back cover)

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Partners In Research, Inc. 200 Braen Ave Wyckoff, NJ 07481 Ph. 201-652-6900 Fax 201-652-7060 Contact: Wanda Gorman 1,3,4,5,6,7C,8,9

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†Rm. 4) 20x15

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The Product Development Workshop 195 Columbia Turnpike Florham Park, NJ 07932 Ph. 201-765-0077 Fax 201-765-9087

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11 Rye Ridge Plaza Rve Brook, NY 10573 Ph. 914-937-0220 Fax 914-937-0561 Contact: Ruth Suhr 1,3,4,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 13x15 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Quick Test, Inc. 855 Sunrise Mall Massapequa, NY 11758 Ph. 516-541-5100 Fax 516-541-1099 Contact: Sina EhrenFreund

1,3,4,6,7A

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RDJ Market Research 2 Kavey Place Armonk, NY 10504 Ph. 914-273-8470/914-273-8470 Fax 914-273-8473 Contact: Steve Genovese 1,3,4,6,7A

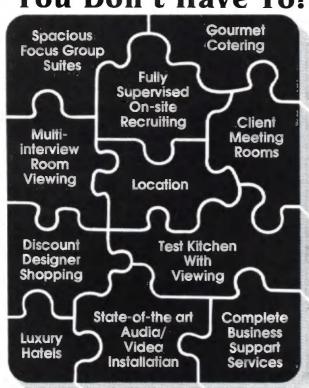
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Rm. 1) 14x26 Obs. Rm. Seats Rm. 2) 14x20

Rm. 3) 16x18 †Rm. 4) 16x10

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Rm. 2) 16x18

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

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Marion Simon Research Services 49 Wildbriar Rd. Rochester, NY 14623 Ph. 716-359-1510 Fax 716-334-9423 Contact: Marion Simon 1,3,4,6,7C

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LaValle Research Service 9763 Carousel Center Dr. Syracuse, NY 13290 Ph. 315-466-1609 Fax 315-466-7101 Contact: Doreen Hart 1,2,3,6,7A

McCarthy Associates Penn Can Mall 5775 South Bay Road Syracuse, NY 13039 Ph. 315-458-9320 Fax 315-458-1810 Contact: Teresa McCarthy 1,2,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 14x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 14 †Rm. 2) 11x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Marion Simon Research Services Northern Lights Mall Syracuse, NY 13212 Ph. 315-455-5952 Fax 315-455-1826 Contact: Angie Macri 1,3,4,6,7A

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1.3.4.5.6.7A

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KPC Research 908 S. Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28202 Ph. 704-358-5754 or 800-852-2794 Fax 704-358-5745 Contact: Helen Mason 1,3,6,7B

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Bellomy Research, Inc. 108 Cambridge Plaza Dr. Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Ph. 910-765-7676 or 800-443-7344 Fax 910-765-8084 Contact: Pat Rierson 1,3,4,5,6,7C Rm. 1) 15x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Catherine Bryant & Associates 6000 Market Square, Ste. 22 Winston-Salem, NC 27012 Ph. 919-766-8966 Fax 919-766-0786 Contact: Robin Cravens 1,3,6,7B Rm. 1) 14x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

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Opinion Centers Akron 2872 West Market St., Ste. D Akron, OH 44333 Ph. 216-867-0885 Fax 216-864-2233 Contact: Suzann Davis 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 15x17

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

CINCINNATI

Advanced Research In Marketing 10133 Springfield Pike Cincinnati, OH 45215 Ph. 513-772-2929 Fax 513-7832-4153 Contact: Judy Christman 1.3.4.6.7C

Alliance Research, Inc. 538 Centre View Blvd. Crestview Hills, KY 41017 Ph. 606-344-0077 Fax 606-344-0078 Contact: Molly Moreland 1,3,6,7B

The Answer Group

11161 Kenwood Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45242 Ph. 513-247-2207 x230 Fax 513-489-9130 Contact: Lynn Grome 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 18x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 2) 18x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 (See advertisement on p. 115)

The Answer Group

Downtown Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH 45202 Ph. 513-247-2207 x230 Fax 513-489-9130 Contact: Lynn Grome 1,3,6.7B

Rm. 1) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 (See advertisement on p. 115)

Assistance In Marketing, Inc. 11890 Montgomery Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45249 Ph. 513-683-6600 Fax 513-683-9177 Contact: Irwin Weinberg 1,3,4,5,6,7C

Rm. 1) 24x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 24x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 3) 35x25 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Assistance In Marketing 9663A Colerain Avenue Cincinnai, OH 45251 Ph. 513-385-8228 Fax 513-385-2140 Contact: Susan Odom 1.4.6.7A.8.9

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Calo Research Services, Inc. 10250 Alliance Road, #230 Cincinnati, OH 45242 Ph. 513-984-9708 Contact: Cindi Johnson 1.3.6.7B

Consumer Pulse of Cincinnati 514 Forest Fair Drive Cincinnati, OH 45240 Ph. 513-671-1211 Fax 513-346-4244 Contact: Susan Lake 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9

Elrick & Lavidge, Inc. 11 Triangle Park Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45246 Ph. 513-772-1990 Fax 513-772-2093 Contact: Ethel Galzerano 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 28x44 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

Fields Marketing Research, Inc.
7979 Reading Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45237
Ph. 513-821-6266
Fax 513-679-5300
Contact: Ken A. Fields
1,2,3,6,7B,8,9
Rm. 1) 23x19
Obs. Rm. Seats 14
†Rm. 2) 26x14
Obs. Rm. Seats 15

MarketVision Research, Inc.

4500 Cooper Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45242 Ph. 513-791-3100 Fax 513-791-3103 Contact: Ellen Benner 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 13x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 6 (See advertisement on p. 116)

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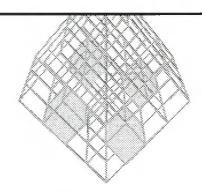
4600 Montgomery Rd., Ste. 400 Cincinnati, OH 45212 Ph. 800-323-8369 Fax 513-841-9966 Contact: Brian Goret 1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9

1,2,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 20x25 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 20x29 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 3) 16x25 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 †Rm. 4) 16x25 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on p. 117)

QFact Marketing Research, Inc.

9908 Carver Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45242 Ph. 513-891-2271 Fax 513-791-7356 Contact: Nan Moore or Mary Swart 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9 (See advertisement on p. 32)

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1,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 14x21 [†]Rm. 2) 14x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Cleveland Survey Center

691 Richmond Mall Cleveland, OH 44143 Ph. 800-950-9010 Fax 216-461-9525

Contact: Betty Perry or Harriet Fadem

1.3.4.6.7A

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Contact: Veronica Hoffman McCready

1,3,4,6,7C,8,9

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2 Summit Park Dr., Ste. 225 Cleveland, OH 44131 Ph. 216-642-8883 Fax 216-461-9525

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1,3,4,6,7B

(See advertisement on p. 118)

Heakin Research, Inc. Severance Center 3542 Mayfield Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 Ph. 216-381-6115 Contact: Laurel Taichnar

Pat Henry Market Research, Inc. 230 Huron Rd. N.W., #100.43 Cleveland, OH 44113 Ph. 216-621-3831 Fax 216-621-8455 Contact: Judy Hominy 1,2,3,4,6,7A,8(2),9(2) Rm. 1) 12x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

The Maffett Research Group 25111 Country Club Blvd., Ste. 290 No. Olmsted, OH 44070

Ph. 216-779-1303 Fax 216-779-2718 Contact: Cindy Kozik

1,3,4,6,7B

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Marketeam Associates

3645 Warrensville Center Rd. Shaker Heights, OH 44122 Ph. 216-491-9515 Fax 216-491-8552 Contact: Nikki Klonaris 1.3.6.7B

Rm. 1) 13x19

(See advertisement on p. 31)

National Market Measures, Inc. 781 Beta Drive Mayfield Village, OH 44143

Ph. 216-473-7766 Fax 216-473-0428 Contact: Martha M. Kain

1,2,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 15x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

[†]Rm. 2) 14x15

National Market Measures, Inc. 25109 Detroit Rd. Mayfield Village, OH 44145 Ph. 216-473-7766 Fax 216-892-0002 1,2,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 14x19

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

[†]Rm. 2) 14x15

Opinion Centers America, Inc. 22021 Brookpark Rd. Cleveland, OH 44126 Ph. 216-779-3000 Fax 216-779-3040 Contact: Betty Schwarcz 1.3.4.5.6.7C

Rm. 1) 22x14 Rm. 2) 22x14

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

Opinion Centers America Great Northern Mall, Rm. 924 North Olmsted, OH 44070

Ph. 216-779-3050 Fax 216-779-3060 Contact: Traci Hayner 1.3.4.6.7A

Rm. 1) 17x14 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Rosen Research 25906 Emery Road Cleveland, OH 44128 Ph. 216-464-5240 Fax 216-464-7864 Contact: Mary Ann Sheets 1,2,3,4,5,6,7C

Strategic Consumer Research, Inc. 26250 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44132 Ph. 216-261-0308 Fax 216-261-3546 1,3,6,7B

COLUMBUS

B & B Research Service, Inc. 1365 Grandview Avenue Columbus, OH 43212 Ph. 614-486-6746 Fax 614-486-9958 Contact: Judy Frederick 1,3,6,7B,8 Rm. 1) 10x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Focus and Phones, Inc. 2655 Oakstone Dr. Columbus, OH 43231 Ph. 614-895-5800 Fax 614-895-5840 Contact: Anita Ingalls 1,3,4,5,6,7B

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7634 Crosswoods Dr. Columbus, OH 43235 Ph. 800-242-4118 Fax 614-436-7040 Contact: Judy Golas 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 16x17 Rm. 2) 16x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Rm. 3) 21x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 15

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Dwight Spencer & Associates Inc. 1290 Grandview Avenue Columbus, OH 43212 Ph. 614-488-3123 Fax 614-421-1154 Contact: Betty Spencer 1,3,4,5,6,7C

T.I.M.E. Market Research 2655 Oakstone Dr. Columbus, OH 43231 Ph. 614-895-5800 Fax 614-895-5840 Contact: Anita Ingalls 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

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Center For Bus. & Econ. Rsch. University of Dayton 300 College Partk Dayton, OH 45469-2110 Ph. 513-229-2453 Fax 513-229-2371 Contact: Fantine M. Kerckaert 1.3.6.7B

Rm. 1) 21x24 Rm. 2) 18x18

Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

Ruth Elliott Research Services 3077 Kettering Blvd., Ste. 300 Dayton, OH 45439 Ph. 513-294-5959 Fax 513-294-8518 Contact: Dianne Howell 1,3,4,5,6,7B

QFact Marketing Research, Inc.

8163 Old Yankee St. Dayton, OH 45459 Ph. 513-891-2271 Fax 513-435-3457 Contact: Nan Moore or Mary Swart 1,3,6,7B,8

Shiloh Research Associates, Inc. 6927 No. Main Dayton, OH 45415 Ph. 513-274-9325 Fax 513-274-9536 Contact: Alan Sibila 1,3,4,6,7B

T.I.M.E. Market Research 560 Dayton Mall Dayton, OH 45459 Ph. 513-433-6296 Fax 513-433-5954 Contact: Clara Spearman 1,3,4,6,7A

TOLEDO

Augustine/Zeller Group 328 W. Wooster Street Bowling Green, OH 43402 Ph. 800-837-4300 Fax 419-353-1511 Contact: Jonathan Augustine 1,2,3,6,7D,8,9

Market Research of Toledo 3103 Executive Pkwy., Ste. 106 Toledo, OH 43606 Ph. 419-534-4705 Fax 419-531-8950 Contact: Jim Kretzinger 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 12x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 7,15

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Johnson Marketing Research 2915 Classen Blvd., Ste. 350 Oklahoma City, OK 73106 Ph. 405-528-2700 Contact: Patty Nichols-Casteel 1,3,4,6,7B

Oklahoma City Research Ruth Nelson Research Services 2501 W. Memorial Dr. Oklahoma City, OK 73134 Ph. 405-752-4710 Fax 405-752-2344 Contact: Cathy Lyle 1,3,4,6,7A

Oklahoma Market Research/Data Net, Inc. 3909 Classen Blvd., Ste. 200 Oklahoma City, OK 73118 Ph. 405-525-3412 Fax 405-525-3419 1,3,4,6,7B

TULSA

Cunningham Market Research 4107 So. Yale, #LA 107 Tulsa, OK 74135 Ph. 918-664-7485 Contact: Roberta Cunningham 1.3.4.5.6.7A

Tulsa Surveys 4530 So. Sheridan #101 Tulsa, OK 74145 Ph. 918-665-3311 or 800-544-1494 Fax 918-665-3388 Contact: Tim Jarrett 1,3,4,6,7B

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EUGENE

MarStat Market Research 71 E. 28 Avenue Eugene, OR 97405 Ph. 503-484-6176 Fax 503-485-3810 Contact: LaDeane Pryor

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 11x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 11x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 3) 8x9 Obs. Rm. Seats 5 Obs. Rm. Seats 4 †Rm. 4) 6x9

PORTLAND

Benner Research Group 8010 SW Cirrus Drive Beaverton, OR 97005 Ph. 503-626-7653 Fax 503-626-7665 Contact: Lisa Perrin 1,3,6,7C

Consumer Opinion Services

1991 Lloyd Center Portland, OR 97232 Ph. 503-281-1278 Fax 503-281-1017 Contact: Jerry Carter

1,3,4,6,7A,8

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 15x19 (See advertisement on p. 131)

Gargan Research 2705 E. Burnside, Ste. 200 Portland, OR 97214 Ph. 503-234-7111 Fax 503-233-3865 Contact: Mina Monroe 1.3.4.6.7B

The Gilmore Research Group 729 N.E. Oregon St., #150 Portland, OR 97232 Ph. 503-236-4551 Fax 503-731-5590 Contact: Vikki Murphy 1.3.6.7B

Rm. 1) 12x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Management/Marketing Associates Bank of California Tower 707 SW. Washington St., Ste. 1460 Portland, OR 97205 Ph. 503-228-9327 Fax 503-228-9479 Contact: Donald T. Jacobson 1,2,6,7B Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Rm. 1) 30x40 Rm. 2) 16x24 †Rm. 3) 16x24

Obs. Rm. Seats 6 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

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Contact: Sue Ellen Christensen 1,3,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 18x19 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 11x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 7 Rm. 3) 10x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 7

Market Strategies
111 S.W. 5th Ave., Ste. 1850
Portland, OR 97204
Ph. 503-225-0112
Fax 503-225-8400
Contact: Tracy Dobesh
1,3,6,7B

Market Trends, Inc. 2130 SW. Jefferson, Ste. 200 Portland, OR 97201 Ph. 503-224-4900 Fax 503-224-0633 Contact: Chari Anang 1,3,4,6,7B Omni Research 7689 SW Capitol Hwy. Portland, OR 97219-2745 Ph. 503-245-4014 Fax 503-245-9065 Contact: Chris Robinson 1,3,6,7C,8 Rm. 1) 21x20 Rm. 2) 16x20

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Parkwood Research Associate 4635 Crackersport Rd. Allentown, PA 18104 Ph. 215-481-0102 Fax 215-395-8027 Contact: Ron Moxey 1,3,4,6,7B

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HARRISBURG

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3690 Vartan Way
Harrisburg, PA 17110
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Fax 717-540-9338
Contact: Jeff Bartlett
1,3,6,7C
Rm. 1) 12x22
Obs. Rm. Seats 7

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Consumer Pulse of Philadelphia Plymouth Meeting Mall #2203 Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 Ph. 215-825-6636 Fax 215-825-6805 Contact: Elanor Yates 1,3,4,5,6,7A,8,9



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Rm. 1) 18x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 2) 16X20 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 3) 16x20

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Group Dynamics In Focus, Inc.

555 City Line Ave., 6th Flr. Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 Ph. 215-668-8535 Fax 215-668-2072 Contact: Merle Holman 1.3.4.6.7B.8.9

Rm. 1) 28x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 16x24 Rm. 3) 16x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 4) 14x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on p. 120)

JRP Marketing Research Services, Inc.

100 Granite Drive, Terrace Level Media, PA 19063 Ph. 215-565-8840 Fax 215-565-8870 Contact: Paul Frattaroli 1,3,4,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 18 Rm. 2) 24x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 (See advertisement on p. 123)

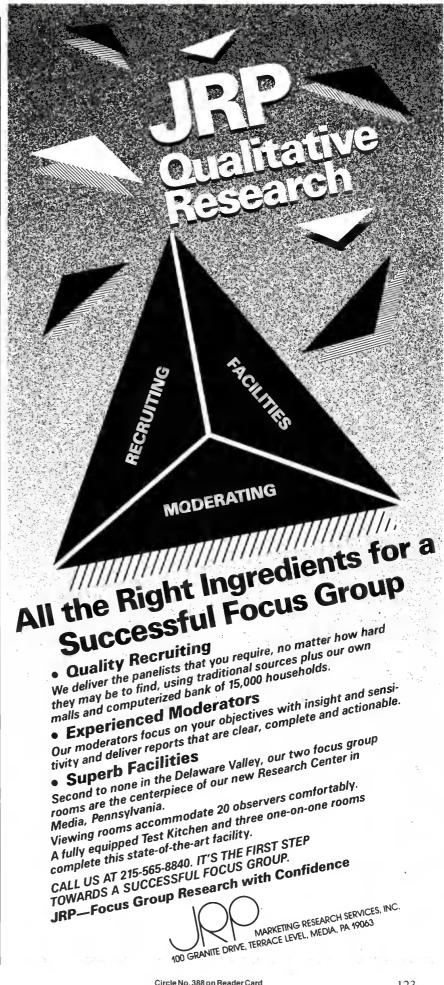
JRP Marketing Research Services, Inc.

108 Oxford Valley Mall Langhorne, PA 19047 Ph. 215-565-8840 Fax 215-565-8870 Contact: Paul Frattaroli 1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 11x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 6 (See advertisement on p. 123)

Mar's Surveys, Inc. 3000 Atrium Way, Ste. 100 Lobby Flr. Horizon Corp. Ctr., Atrium 2 Bldg. Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 Ph. 609-786-8514/609-235-3345 Fax 609-786-0480/609-235-1613 Contact: Marlene Teblum or Judy Abrams 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9 Rm. 1) 15x23

Rm. 2) 10x10



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Philadelphia Focus, Inc. 100 No. 17th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 Ph. 215-561-5500 Fax 215-561-6525 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 19x22 Rm. 2) 17x24 Rm. 3) 14x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

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Fax 609-596-3011 Contact: Annette Guss 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 15x20 Rm. 3) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

†Rm. 4) 20x15

(See advertisement on p. 111)

Quality Controlled Services

KOR Ctr. A, 2577 Interplex Dr., Ste. 101 Trevose, PA 19053

Ph. 800-752-2027 Fax 215-639-8224 Contact: Mitzi Keller 1.3.4.6.7B

Rm. 1) 16x20 Rm. 2) 16x22 Rm. 3) 12x14

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Obs. Rm. Seats 6

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Quality In Field 308 Lakeside Drive Southampton, PA 18066 Ph. 215-698-0606 Fax 215-676-4055 Conact: Arlene Frieze

1,3,4,6,7B

Quick Test, Inc.

Neshaminy Mall #109 Bensalem, PA 19020 Ph. 215-322-0400 Fax 215-322-5412

Contact: Alice Osborne

1,3,4,6,7A

Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Quick Test, Inc.

Franklin Mills Mall 1749 Franklin Mills Circle Philadelphia, PA 19154 Ph. 215-281-9304 Fax 215-281-9362 Contact: Dot Muir

1,3,4,6,7A

Rm, 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 95)

J. Reckner Associates, Inc.

587 Bethlehem Pike Montgomeryville, PA 18936 Ph. 215-822-6220 Fax 215-822-2238 Contact: Frances Grubb 1,3,4,5,6,7B,8(2),9(3)

Rm. 1) 12x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 125)

The Reich Group 1635 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 Ph. 215-972-1777 Fax 215-972-1788 Contact: M. Reich 1,3,4,6,7B

Savitz Research Center, Inc.

3007 Willow Grove Park Mall 2500 Moreland Road Willow Grove, PA 19090 Ph. 215-657-6660 Fax 215-657-1915 Contact: Pat Roberts 1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

Rm. 1) 10x9 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 129)

Strategic Marketing Corp. GSB Bldg., Ste. 802 City Line & Belmont Aves. Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 Ph. 215-667-1649 Fax 215-667-0628

Contact: Julia Goodfriend Zimmerman

1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 20x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

T.I.M.E. Market Research 366 Beaver Valley Monaca, PA 15061 Ph. 412-728-8463 Fax 412-728-9806 Contact: Shawn Bishop

Rm. 1) 14x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

U. S. Research Corp. 224 Echelon Mall Voorhees, NJ 08043 Ph. 609-772-2220 Contact: Jackie Weise 1.3.4.6.7A

1,3,4,6,7A,8,9

The Vanderveer Group 520 Virginia Drive Fort Washington, PA 19034 Ph. 215-646-7200 Contact: Gina Cassel 1,3,4,5,6,7B

PITTSBURGH

Campos Market Research 216 Blvd. of the Allies Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Ph. 412-471-8484 Fax 412-471-8497 Contact: Yvonne Campos 1,3,4,6,7B

Car-Lene Research, Inc. Monroeville Mall, Rm. 144 Monroeville, PA 15146 Ph. 412-373-3670 Fax 412-373-5076 Contact: Nancy Hickey 1,3,4,5,6,7A

Data Information, Inc.
Century III Mall
3075 Clairton Rd.
W. Mifflin, PA 15123
Ph. 412-655-8690
Fax 412-655-8693
Contact: Nancy Palyo
1,3,4,6,7A,8(5),9(10)
Rm. 1) 12x20
Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Greater Pittsburgh Research Service 5950 Steubenville Pike Pittsburgh, PA 15136 Ph. 412-788-4570 Fax 412-788-4582 Contact: Ann Urban 1.3.6.7B

Heakin Research, Inc. Ross Park Mall 1000 Ross Park Mall Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15237 Ph. 412-369-4545 1,3,4,6,7A

Santell Phone & Focus, Inc. 300 Mt. Lebanon Blvd., Ste. 2204 Pittsburgh, PA 15234 Ph. 412-341-8770 Fax 412-341-8774 Contact: Barbara K. Womack 1,3,6,7B,8

T.I.M.E. East Market Research 280 Ohio Valley Mall St. Clairsville, OH 43950 Ph. 614-695-6288 Fax 614-695-5163 Contact: Tim Aspenwall 1,3,4,6,7A

YORK

Polk-Lepson Research Group 108 Pauline Drive York, PA 17402 Ph. 717-741-2879 Contact: David Polk 1.3,6.7B

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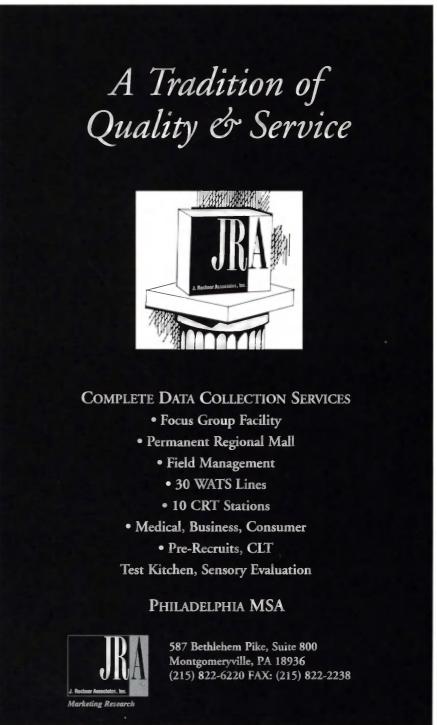
MacIntosh Survey Center 450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy. East Providence, RI 02914 Ph. 401-438-8330 Fax 401-434-9219 Contact: Ann MacIntosh

1,3,4,5,6,7B

Rm. 1) 18x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15

Performance Research 25 Mill Street Newport, RI 02840 Ph. 401-848-0111 Fax 401-848-0110 Contact: Bill Doyle 1,3,6,7C Rm. 1) 13x30

Quick Test, Inc.
Silver City Galleria, Ste. 248
2 Galleria Mall Drive
Taunton, MA 02780
Ph. 508-822-0333
Fax 508-822-9025
Contact: Anthony Badway
1,3,4,6,7A
Rm. 1) 13x15
Obs. Rm. Seats 8
(See advertisement on p. 95)



[†] denotes living room style ‡ denotes one-on-one room

2. Living Room Style 3. Observation Room

1. Conference Style Room 7A. Located in Shopping Mall 7B. Located in Office Building

4. Test Kitchen

7C. Free Standing Building 7D. Other

5. Test Kitchen Obsv. Rm. 8. 1-on-1 Room 6. Video Equipment Available 9. 1-on-1 Viewing

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SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON

Bernett Research Services, Inc.

62 Northwoods Mall 2150 Northwoods Blvd. N. Charleston, SC 29418 Ph. 803-553-0030 Fax 803-553-0526 Contact: Gloria Duda 1,3,4,6,7A,8

Rm. 1) 12x15

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 93)

COLUMBIA

Marketsearch Corporation 2721 Devine St. Columbia, SC 29205 Ph. 803-254-6958 Fax 803-799-9180 1.3.4.6.7C.8.9

Rm. 1) 16x20

1,3,6,7C

Obs. Rm. Seats 14

Metromark Market Research, Inc. 3030 Devine St. Columbia, SC 29205 Ph. 803-256-8694 Fax 803-254-3798 Contact: Emerson Smith

GREENVILLE

Carolina Market Research 88 Villa Road Greenville, SC 29615 Ph. 803-233-5775 Contact: Elizabeth Buchanan 1,3,4,6,7C

Market Insight 530 Howell Rd. #205 Greenville, SC 29615 Ph. 803-292-5187 Contact: Michael Shuck 1,3,4,5,6,7B

ProGen Research 712 No. Main St. Greenville, SC 29609 Ph. 803-271-0643 Contact: Maxie Freeman 1.3.6.7C

SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS

American Public Opinion Survey and Market Research 1320 So. Minnesota Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57105-0625 Ph. 605-338-3918 Fax 605-334-7473 Contact: Warren R. Johnson 1,2,3,4,5,6,7C,8,9

Rm. 1) 16x24 Rm. 2) 20x22 Rm. 3) 20x25

[†]Rm. 4) 30x36

Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 50



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> 2303 21st Avenue South Nashville, Tennessee 37212 1-800-737-2020 Fax (615) 385-0925 (check listing for details)

TENNESSEE

CHATTANOOGA

Wilkins Research Services 1921 Morris Hill Road Chattanooga, TN 37421 Ph. 615-894-9478 Fax 615-894-0942 Contact: Lisa Wilkins 1.3.4.5.6.7C

KNOXVILLE

T.I.M.E. South East Towne Mall 3029 Mall Rd. Knoxville, TN 37924 Ph. 615-544-1885 Fax 615-544-1802 Contact: Jennifer Broussard 1.3.4.6.7A

MEMPHIS

Accudata/Chamberlain Market Research 1036 Oakhaven Rd Memphis, TN 38119 Ph. 901-763-0405 Fax 901-763-0660 Contact: Valerie Jolly 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B Rm. 1) 14x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Obs. Rm. Seats 12

Friedman Marketing/Memphis Century Plaza Bldg., Ste. 1 & 2 5830 Mt. Moriah Memphis, TN 38115

Ph. 901-795-0073 or 914-698-9591 Fax 901-360-1268

1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 2) 14x18

Heakin Research, Inc. 5501 Winchester, Ste. 6 Memphis, TN 38115 Ph. 901-795-8180 Contact: Betty Huber 1.3.4.6.7B

PWI Research 1755 Lynnfield, Ste. 249 Memphis, TN 38119 Ph. 901-682-2444 Fax 901-682-2471 Contact: Jo Ann Hughes 1,3,6,7B,8,9

Venture Marketing Associates, Inc. 3155 Hickory Hills Rd., #203 Memphis, TN 38115 Ph. 901-795-6720 Fax 901-795-6763 Contact: Alex Klein 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 11x22 [†]Rm. 2) 12x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

NASHVILLE

Jackson Associates, Inc.

Cool Springs Galleria 1800 Galleria Blvd. Franklin(Nashville), TN 37064 Ph. 404-394-8700

Fax 404-394-8702

Contact: Margaret Hicks

1,3,6,7A

Rm. 1) 14x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

(See advertisement on p. 79)

NCG Research 2100 West End Avenue, Ste, 800 Nashville, TN 37203 Ph. 615-327-3373 Contact: David Furse 1,3,6,7B

Ouality Controlled Services

Fairlawns Bldg, 5203 Maryland Way,#150 Brentwood, TN 37027 Ph. 800-637-0137 Fax 615-661-4035 Contact: Nancy Proctor 1,3,4,6,7B Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 1) 14x17

Rm. 2) 13x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 (See advertisement on p. 57)

Ouick Test, Inc.

Hickory Hollow Mall #1123 Nashville, TN 37013 Ph. 615-731-0900 Fax 615-731-2022 Contact: Kathleen Love 1,3,4,6,7A

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 13x15

(See advertisement on p. 95)

20/20 Research, Inc.

2303 21st Ave. S. 2nd Flr. Nashville, TN 37212 Ph. 800-737-2020 Fax 615-385-0925 Contact: Julia Gaffney 1,2,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 22x16 Rm. 2) 16x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

†Rm. 3) 10x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 126)

TEXAS

AMARILLO

Opinions Unlimited, Inc.

8201 SW 34th. Amarillo, TX 79121 Ph. 806-353-4444 Fax 806-353-4718 Contact: Anndel Hodges-Martin 1,3,4,6,7C,8,9

Rm. 1) 22x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 12

(See advertisement on p.123)

† denotes living room style

AUSTIN

First Market Research Corp.

2301 Hancock Drive Austin, TX 78756 Ph. 512-451-4000 Fax 512-451-5700 Contact: Kelleye Hutchinson

1,3,6,7C Rm. 1) 23x13 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

(See advertisement on p. 94)

NuStats, Inc. 901 W. MLK Austin, TX 78701 Ph. 512-469-6400 Fax 512-469-6408 Contact: Johanna Zmud 1,3,6,7B

Quick Test, Inc.

Barton Creek Square 2901 Capitol Texas Hwy. Austin, TX 78746 Ph. 512-327-8787 Fax 512-327-7460 Contact: Patty Franchina 1,3,4,6,7A Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 13x15 (See advertisement on p. 95)

Tammadge Market Research 1616 B Rio Grande

Austin, TX 78701 Ph. 512-474-1005 Fax 512-370-0339

Contact: Melissa Pepper 1,3,6,7C

Rm. 1) 18x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

CORPUS CHRISTI

Quick Test, Inc.

Sunrise Mall 5858 S. Padre Island Dr., #376 Corpus Christi, TX 78412 Ph. 512-993-6200 Fax 512-991-7380 Contact: Lorna Turner 1,3,4,5,6,7A Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

DALLAS/FT. WORTH

Accurate Research, Inc. 2214 Paddock Way Dr. #100 Grand Prairie, TX 75050 Ph. 214-647-4277 Fax 214-641-1549 Contact: Charlotte Remkus 1,3,4,6,7C

Dallas Focus

511 E. Carpenter Frwy., Ste.100 Irving, TX 75062 Ph. 800-336-1417/214-869-2366 Fax 214-869-9174 Contact: Robin McClure

1,3,4,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm, 1) 15x20 Rm. 2) 15x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 (See advertisement on pp. 128, back cover)





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 Living Room Style
 7A. Located in Office Building
 7B. Located in Office Building

3. Observation Room 7C. Free Standing Building 4. Test Kitchen 7D. Other 7D. Other 5. Test Kitchen Obsv. Rm. 8. 1-on-1 Room 6. Video Equipment Available 9. 1-on-1 Viewing

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Facts in Focus, Inc. 15340 Dallas Parkway Dallas, TX 75248 Ph. 214-386-7744 Contact: Jeanne Kurzny 1,3,6,7B

Fenton Swanger Consumer Research 14800 Quorum Dr., Ste. 250 Dallas, TX 75240 Ph. 214-934-0707 Fax 214-490-3919 Contact: Nancy Ashmore 1,3,4,6,7B

Focus On Dallas 12240 Inwood Rd., #400 Dallas, TX 75244 Ph. 214-960-5850 Contact: Kelly Lynn Ireland

1,3,4,6,7B Rm. 1) 20x18 Obs. Rm. Seats

Rm. 2) 21x34 Rm. 3) 18x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Obs. Rm. Seats 16 Obs. Rm. Seats 7 Heakin Research, Inc. Fort Worth Town Center 4200 So. Freeway, Ste. B-31 Ft. Worth, TX 76115 Ph. 817-926-7995 Contact: Vivian Taylor 1.3.4.6.7A

Linden Research Services, Inc.
4800 So. Hulen St.
Ft. Worth, TX 76132
Ph. 817-370-7678
Fax 817-370-9019
Contact: Rhonda Linden
1,3,4,6,7A
Rm. 1) 16x20
Obs. Rm. Seats 9

Plaza Research

14160 Dallas Parkway Dallas, TX 75240 Ph. 214-392-0100 or 800-654-8002 Fax 214-386-6008 Contact: Susan Trace 1,2,3,4,5,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 3) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 †Rm. 4) 20x15 (See advertisement on p. 111)

Probe Research 2723 Valley View Lane Dallas, TX 75234 Ph. 214-241-6696 Fax 214-241-8513 Contact: Richard Harris 1.3.4.6.7C

Quality Controlled Services

14679 Midway Road., Ste. 102 Dallas, TX 75244 Ph. 800-421-2167 Fax 214-490-3065 Contact: Joyce Clifton

1,3,4,6,7B Rm. 1) 16x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 2) 20x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 19x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Savitz Research Center, Inc.

13747 Montfort, Ste. 211 Dallas, TX 75240 Ph. 214-386-4050 Fax 214-450-2507 Contact: Harriet Silverman 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 30x23 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Rm. 2) 16x21 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 3) 10x8 Obs. Rm. Seats 6 Rm. 4) 10x8 Obs. Rm. Seats 6 (See advertisement on p. 129)

Savitz Research Center, Inc.

2053 The Parks at Arlington Mall 3811 So. Cooper Arlington, TX 76015 Ph. 817-467-6437 Fax 817-467-6552 Contact:Harriet Silverman 1,3,4,6,7A Rm. 1) 15x17 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 (See advertisement on p. 129)

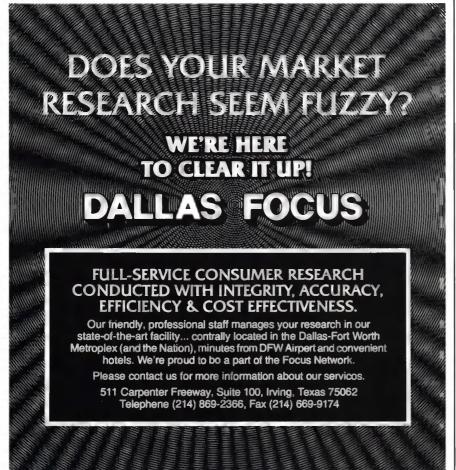
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Aim Research 10456 Brian Mooney El Paso, TX 79935 Ph. 915-591-4777 Fax 915-595-6305 Contact:Linda Adams 1,3,4,6,7C

HOUSTON

CQS Research 5851 San Felipe #650 Houston, TX 77057 Ph. 713-783-9111 Fax 713-954-1520 Contact: Noel Roulin 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Rm. 1) 24x30 Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Rm. 2) 15x25 Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 3) 10x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8



Creative Consumer Research 3945 Greenbrian Stafford, TX 77477 Ph. 713-240-9646 Fax 713-240-3497 1,3,4,6,7B,8,9

Heakin Research, Inc. Galleria II 5085 Westheimer, Ste. 3897 Houston, TX 77056 Ph. 713-871-8542 Contact: Laurie DeRoberts 1,3,4,6,7A

Heakin Research San Jacinto Mall #1670 Baytown, TX 77521 Ph. 713-421-2584 Contact: Maggie Franek 1,3,4,6,7A

Heakin Research, Inc. 247 Greenspoint Shopping Mall Houston, TX 77060 Ph. 713-872-4164 Contact: Valerie Owens 1,3,4,6,7A

Houston Consumer Research 730 Alameda Mall Houston, TX 77075 Ph. 713-944-1431 Fax 713-944-3527 Contact: Adreanne Goldhaum 1,3,4,6,7A8(3),9(18) Rm. 1) 16x18 Obs. Rm. Seats 18

In-Touch Research, Inc. 5855 Sovereign Dr., #200 Houston, TX 77036 Ph. 713-773-8300 Fax 713-773-8306 Contact: Debbie L. Thigpen 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 19x22

Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Rm. 2) 14x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

In-Touch Research, Inc. 307 Northwest Mall Houston, TX 77092 Ph. 713-682-1682 Fax 713-682-1686 Contact: Debbie L. Thigpen 1,3,4,5,6,7A

MVA Research 5851 San Felipe #600 Houston, TX 77057 Ph. 713-783-9109 Fax 713-783-4238 Contact: Michael Pope

1,2,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 24x30 Rm. 2) 15x25 Obs. Rm. Seats 25 Obs. Rm. Seats 14

Obs. Rm. Seats 9 Rm. 3) 10x15

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Opinions Unlimited, Inc.

4801 Woodway Houston, TX 77056 Ph. 800-658-2656

Contact: Anndel Hodges-Martin

1.3.6.7B.8.9

Rm. 1) 20x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Rm. 2) 20x22 Obs. Rm. Seats 15 Obs. Rm. Seats 10 Rm. 3) 12x14

(See advertisement on p. 127)

Quality Controlled Services

1560 W. Bay Area Blvd., Ste. 130 Friendswood, TX 77546 Ph. 800-522-2385 Fax 713-486-3831 Contact: Diana Reid 1,3,4,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 12 Rm. 1) 16x20 Rm. 2) 19x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 8

(See advertisement on p. 57)

Savitz Research Center, Inc.

5177 Richmond, Suite 1290 Houston, TX 77056 Ph. 713-612-4084 Fax 713-621-4223 Contact: Harriet Silverman

1,3,4,6,7B,8,9(6) Rm. 1) 22x30 Rm. 2) 18x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 20 Obs. Rm. Seats 20

(See advertisement on p. 129)

The Woodward Group 10101 Southwest Freeway, Ste. 335 Houston, TX 77074 Ph. 713-772-0262 or 800-678-7839 Fax 713-772-0265 Contact: Kerry A. Palermo 1,3,6,7B

LUBBOCK

United Marketing Research 1516 53rd Street Lubbock, TX 79412 Ph. 806-744-6740 Fax 806-744-0327 Contact: Jeff Raymond 1,3,4,6,7C

SAN ANTONIO

Creative Consumer Research 5411 Bandera Rd., Ste. 307 San Antonio, TX 78238 Ph. 210-520-7025 Fax 210-680-9906 1,3,6,7B

Galloway Research Service 4346 NW Loop 410 San Antonio, TX 78229 Ph. 210-734-4346 Fax 210-732-4500 Contact: Patrick Galloway 1,2,3,4,6,7C

(See advertisement on p. 95) UTAH

Rm. 1) 13x15

1,3,4,6,7A

Quick Test, Inc.

Ph. 210-657-9424

Fax 210-657-9432

Windsor Park Mall, Ste. 14B

Contact: Ernestene Suhler

Obs. Rm. Seats 8

San Antonio, TX 78218

SALT LAKE CITY

Dan Jones & Associates, Inc. 515 South 700 E., Ste. 3H Salt Lake City, UT 84102 Ph. 801-322-5722 Fax 801-322-5725 Contact: Pat Jones 1,2,3,6,7B

Utah Market Research Ruth Nelson Research Services 50 So. Main Street Salt Lake City, UT 84144 Ph. 303-758-6424 Fax 801-321-4904 Contact: Cheri Ingram 1,3,4,6,7A

Valley Research & Survey 1104 East Ashton Ave. #106 Salt Lake City, UT 84106 Ph. 801-467-4476 Fax 801-487-5820 Contact: Sally Christensen 1,3,4,6,7B

Your Opinion Counts Gay Hill Field Service 4835 Highland Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84117 Ph. 801-261-4117 Fax 801-268-0247 Contact: Gay Hill 1,3,6,7A

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Continental Research 4500 Colley Ave. Norfolk, VA 23508 Ph. 804-489-4887 Contact: Nanci Glassman 1,3,6,7B

Obs. Rm. Seats 9 Rm. 1) 11x21

5101 Cleveland St., Ste. 304 Virginia Beach, VA 23462 Ph. 804-490-1351 Fax 804-490-2273 Contact: Grace Fuller 1.3.6.7B.8.9

iNFOCUS Group Services

Rm. 1) 15x20

Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Norfolk Focus Group Centre

Div. of Martin Research, Inc. #5 Koger Executive Ctr. #110 Norfolk, VA 23502 Ph. 804-455-8463 Fax 804-455-8503 Contact: Diane Sadler-Diaz 1,3,6,7B,8 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 12x20

(See advertisement on p. 130)

Quick Test, Inc.

816 Greenbrier Cir., Ste. 208 Chesapeake, VA 23320 Ph. 804-523-2505 Fax 804-523-0463 Contact: Gerri Kennedy 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 13x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 95)

RICHMOND

Capital Focus Group Centre

Div. of Martin Research Inc. Koger Center-West End Dale Bldg., Ste. 108 1504 Santa Rosa Rd. Richmond, VA 23229 Ph. 804-285-3165 Fax 804-285-7130 Contact: Kathryn McGuire 1,3,6,7B,8

Rm. 1) 12x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 130)

Alan Newman Research 6802 Paragon Place, Ste. 210 Richmond, VA 23230 Ph. 804-288-0590 Fax 804-288-3234 Contact: Terry Brisbane 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 20x24 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

Southeastern Institute of Research 2325 W. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23220 Ph. 804-358-8981 Fax 804-358-9761 Contact: Lois Abernathy 1,3,6,7C,8 Rm. 1) 15x15 Obs. Rm. Seats 10

ROANOKE

Roanoke Focus Group Centre

Div. of Martin Research, Inc. 2122 Carolina Ave. SW Roanoke, VA 24014 Ph. 703-342-5364 Fax 703-982-8101 Contact: Marjorie Jeskey

1,3,4,6,7C,8

Rm. 1) 12x16 Obs. Rm. Seats 6 (See advertisement on p. 130)

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE/TACOMA

Consumer Gpinion Services

12825 1st Ave. So. Seattle, WA 98168 Ph. 206-241-6050 Fax 206-241-5213 Contact: Jerry Carter 1,3,4,6,7C

Obs. Rm. Seats 8 Rm. 1) 15x20

(See advertisement on p. 131)

Consumer Opinion Services

10829 NE 68th St., Bldg. B Kirkland, WA 98033 Ph. 206-241-6050 Fax 206-241-5216 Contact: Jerry Carter 1,3,4,6,7B

Rm. 1) 15x20 Obs. Rm. Seats 8 (See advertisement on p. 131)

Decision Data, Inc.

200 Kirkland Ave., Ste. C Kirkland, WA 98033 Ph. 206-827-3234 Fax 206-827-2212 Contact: Russ Riddle 1,3,6,7B

(See advertisement on p.132)

Evans/McDonough Co., Inc. 111 Queen Anne Ave. N., Ste. 500 Seattle, WA 98109 Ph. 206-282-2454

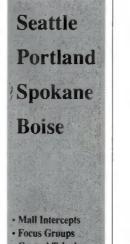
Fax 206-285-2644 Contact: Tom Quillin 1,3,6,7B

Rm. 1) 15x21 Rm. 2) 8x9

1.3,4,6,7A

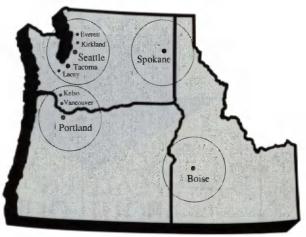
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interview settings. At least according to self-reports, group interview members were neither more nor less uncomfortable with the interview than individual interviewees; nor did they feel more withdrawn from the interview.

This finding suggests that either focus groups do not diffuse "interview anxiety" or that anxiety about individual interviews is not as high as expected. Because this research was not designed to measure absolute levels of anxiety, it is difficult to say which of these hypotheses is true. Observation suggests that the oneon-one setting was not as anxietyprovoking as anticipated, at least for the topics under discussion. In this case, it appears that concerns over respondent discomfort in individual interviews are unfounded.

This research does not directly address the issue of greater talkativeness. The opportunity to talk varied with number of participants: Individual interviewees had at least 20 minutes to talk, while group participants averaged 7.5 minutes (60 minutes divided by 8 respondents). However, while each group participant may have had less time to talk, the amount of information overall was similar between groups and individual interviews. This similarity was largely due to a reduction in redundancy in the group discussion. While the redundancy in the individual interviews can be reduced during the analysis, selective discussion of repetitive information during the group session is a more immediate and less time-consuming process.

However, the advantage of greater talkativity in groups may also relate to specific types of topics. The topics under discussion weren't particularly sensitive; it may be that the impact of the group would have been more evident discussing a more personal issue, like an illness, a personal problem or a financial concern.

Overall, we set out to understand the validity of the assumptions that guide the decision to use focus groups instead of individual interviews. We found that both interview settings provide a comfortable environment in which to discuss attitudes and behaviors. We could not reach conclusions about enhanced talkativity. But we did find evidence that focus groups are superior to individual interviews in providing immediate observation of attitudes and behaviors that are

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Ultimately, the decision to use group or individual interviews rests on a combination of practical and theoretical considerations. Issues like the sensitivity of the topic or proprietary information, type of respondents, geographic dispersion of respondents, sample size, timing and cost all have an impact. This data suggests that when the research objectives are to examine what "most consumers" think, and when peer influence is an issue, focus groups are the best means to observe and understand responses.

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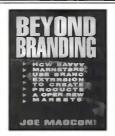
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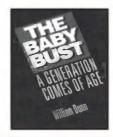
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room, they're able to peel the onion, so to speak, and get the answer they need. The point is, we want to have people in the room from the client organization who will be impacted by the information."

Berlin Wall

In any qualitative research the goal is to get directional information — trends, issues, problems — from the respondents that will help the researchers take action later. But, Terwilliger says, the glass "Berlin Wall" separating respondents from observers gets in the way. "In the focus groups we participated in in the past, we felt that there was too much distance between the conversation going on in the focus group room and the people who had the most interest in it."

People in the backroom are not intimately involved in the conversation, so they can be distracted. However, when you're in the room, participating, it's harder to tune out. The value of the client presence, says Terwilliger, is that it allows them to ask questions in real time and throw out the process plan, if necessary, and talk about new ideas that arise. (Something, by the way, I think any good moderator should be able to help you do anyway.)

The co-labs also avoid notes sent in from the back room, which can disrupt the proceedings if the group has moved on to a new subject. If there is a nuance that needs clarification, the client can ask those follow-up questions.

Act sooner

Terwilliger says that co-labs also have an advantage over classic focus groups because clients can act sooner on the information they obtain. With focus groups, it can take up to three weeks for the moderator reports to arrive, and the client company must wait until they arrive before taking that next step.

Not so with co-labs, says Terwilliger. "We have the clients in the room, so they're learning in real time. After each series of co-labs, we debrief the attendees and develop a list of implications, lessons learned, and an action plan. They discuss what they thought they heard, and if there is any confusion we try to clarify it in the next meeting. We're not going to send them a moderator's report. The learning is their learning, which we facilitated."

Your company can get quick information turnaround from plain-old focus groups, too, if observers are willing to sit down afterwards and talk about what they saw and heard. Instead of simply waiting, you can begin plotting your strategy in the days that you normally would wait for

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the moderator's report to show up. (By the way, see Reyn Kinzey's article "Faster is Better" on page 12 for an interesting discussion of speedy moderator reports.)

Another plus for eo-labs is their added length, Terwilliger says. Because they last longer (usually around three hours, compared to the 90-minute to two-hour focus group) more discussion occurs. Despite the length of colabs, Creative Realities reports no difficulty holding respondents' attention.

A moderator's perspective

While he's not familiar with Creative Realities' technique, I called Bill Weylock to get a moderator's perspective on having clients in the room. Weylock is president of Weylock Associates, Inc., a New York City qualitative research firm and a past president of the Qualitative Research Consultants Association (QRCA).

He's certainly seen instances where it's helpful to have clients participate in the group, but he feels that overall it's best to keep them in the observation room.

"One of the things that the group does is encourage respondents to participate," Weylock says. "Clients are not necessarily good at asking questions or at understanding what the emotional temperature of the group is. Those are all things they are paying a professional to assess moment by moment. With the client in there, pitching in a question whenever it occurs to them, it suggests, one, that the moderator doesn't know when to probe; and, two, that timing isn't a relevant consideration. I submit that the timing of the question is critical to getting the most learning out of the process."

Weylock believes that it's not impossible for clients to know how to talk to respondents in a way that isn't disruptive, but it's not easy. "It's very likely that the respondents will make some kind of assumptions about the client's attitude toward their eomments. Respondents may assume they're being boring, too critical, or that they don't understand something they should understand. An atmosphere of blame and anxiety can emerge."

Clients also may lack the moderator's sense of timing, born of experience. "During a group, I may hear things that call for a question and I don't ask that question at that moment because I can sense that a couple of other people have important things to add to the issue before we begin to probe it.

Group atmosphere

In Weylock's view, one of the main things the elient is buying when they hire a qualitative consultant is a carefully fostered and nurtured group atmosphere. "The rapport between the moderator and the respondents is a subtle thing," says Weylock. "Ideally the moderator needs to be in charge but shouldn't constrain. That's a delicate balance. Even the most sensitive marketers may not have the skills that would let them understand when they're disrupting that chemistry."

The standard moderator-respondent interaction also gives the proceedings an objectivity that the clients' presence might corrupt. "As a moderator, I take pains to distance myself from the concepts and the products that are the subject of the research. I feel free to play advocate or devil's advocate," says Weylock.

What about the glass "Berlin Wall?"

Weylock doesn't buy it. The concept is that the mirror and the moderator interpose themselves — unhelpfully — between the client and the respondent. But, says Weylock, the moderator and the mirror aren't obstacles. "The mirror is there to let the clients observe the process that goes on independent of them. It's not there to keep them out of the room, it's there to give them as much access to the process as they should have. It's a window into the process that I am professionally dedicated to making happen in the best possible way.

"Clients can talk to customers as a group anytime they want to, and if they're dedicated to doing that I'll sit in the room and help them do it. But I still would recommend that they talk to me about what they want to learn and then let me go find out for them — that's my skill."

Wisecracks and M&Ms

Co-labs seem to be a success for Creative Realities; Terwilliger says that after a co-lab, some clients vow they'll "never go back behind the glass again."

But I worry that clients are sacrificing objectivity. And part of the appeal of co-labs, it seems, is that they force clients to really get involved in the process, not just observe it. Being a participant — instead of making wisecracks about some respondent's appearance or hurling M&Ms at each other — means they get more out of it.

Well, if you need to be forced to pay attention during your focus groups, why the heck are you there in the first place? As with most endeavors, you get out of it what you put in. If you have the discipline to listen to the respondents (that is, after all, what you're paying for) you'll get the full benefit of the technique. If, however, you'd rather sit there twiddling your thumbs until the session is over, that's fine. But don't go wondering why you didn't learn more and complaining about the technique if you didn't give it a chance to work.

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Should clients sit in on focus groups?

his being our annual qualitative research issue, I thought it apropos to write about a consulting firm that's putting a different spin on the classic focus group. Boston-based Creative Realities is stretching the boundaries of focus group procedures — some might even say it's committing research heresy.

Creative Realities is a consulting firm that specializes in helping firms with process management, innovation and brainstorming. As part of that work the firm does a kind of qualitative research it calls "customer co-labs." Customer co-labs are similar to focus groups except they're longer and — here's the heretical part — the clients sit in the room with the respondents and moderator.

Now it's not unheard of for clients to sit in on focus groups, either as passive observers or active questioners. When researching hi-tech products, for example, sometimes a company engineer or product rep has to sit in to help the moderator handle extremely technical questions.

But in most cases, having clients in the room is considered a no-no, mainly because their presence might influence respondent answers or otherwise taint the process.

Jim Terwilliger, senior consultant with Creative Realities, insists these fears have proven groundless. If — for any reason — the Creative Realities staff detects that respondents are being too generous in their answers or are bothered by the company in some way, they will probe further — "We will deal with it," Terwilliger asserts. They also try to simply eliminate the problem before it starts. When they introduce the clients and respondents, they tell the respondents to pretend they are part of a consulting team. "We tell them that some of the best learning comes from negatives, so don't be afraid to give us the negatives. We need that," says Terwilliger.

Respondents are recruited just as they would be for a focus group. Meetings are held in hotel suites or meeting rooms and occasionally focus group rooms. Terwilliger says the company tries to assemble client group members into an interdisciplinary team, which includes brand managers, research, marketing and sales people, or R&D folks.

"They each may have a different need in terms of clarification for action," Terwilliger says. "Being in the continued on p. 135

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