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### **AMAR International Appoints Dr. Lawrence Ernst as Senior Statistician**

Reston, VA. January 2, 2011. AMAR International, Inc. (AMAR) has appointed Dr. Lawrence Ernst as Senior Statistician to work with the company on various programs related to statistical and mathematical analyses.

“We are delighted to have Dr. Larry Ernst on our team of senior experts supporting AMAR programs and our team of statistical analysts working on Department of Labor”, commented Dr. John Prakash, Senior Vice President at AMAR. With the addition of Dr. Ernst, AMAR has greatly expanded its capacity to conduct world class survey research, research methodologies, and analytical science capabilities supporting all AMAR programs. Dr. Ernst will serve as Senior Mathematical Statistician at AMAR in Reston, VA and will report to Dr. John Prakash. Dr. Ernst will support various programs in analytical sciences at AMAR.

Dr. Ernst brings more than twenty years of work experience from Department of Labor (DOL), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). He served in several key positions at BLS and was responsible for research on statistical issues for all BLS survey research. In particular, he worked extensively on sampling, allocation, and weighting changes for the NCS, such as the use of controlled selection in sample selection, and changes that resulted from the ending of the locality pay programs. Dr. Ernst led a team that developed new publication standards for NCS. He developed weighting procedures for national CPI to use in conjunction with maximization of overlap of PSUs and a CPI sample cut. He worked on DOL teams that developed variance estimation procedures for IPP, PPI, and CE. Dr. Ernst was responsible for developing new weighting schemes for IPP and served on a team studying differences between OES and NCS estimates and another team developing procedures for integrating these surveys. Dr. Ernst chaired the BLS Disclosure Review Board and worked on developing approaches to protecting confidentiality. Dr. Ernst also served at DOL as Chief of Research Group for Statistical Methods Group of the Office of Compensation and Working Conditions. He was responsible for guiding all statistical research in the office and developed much of the new, innovative, sampling and estimation procedures implemented for the compensation surveys conducted by the DOL.

Dr. Ernst grew up in New York and went to college at City College of New York. He earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics at Brown University, Providence, RI.

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