

## May 13, 2010 LED Steering Committee Call

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Attending: Jeremy Wu, Rich *Froeschle*, Greg *Weeks*, Tim *Kestner*, Lyn Riggs, Matt Graham,

Not Attending: Chip, Colleen, *Rick Waclawek*, *Bob Brown*, *Len Preston*, *Alex Hall*,

### *State partners inquiry to use RDC*

- Question was raised at the WIC meeting
- Can states use their own data, and what if they get agreement from a neighboring state, can they use that data
- Yes, states can use their own data for statistical purposes. More complicated if the person is in a group that has enforcement power.
- What about program evaluation – IRS doesn't see Census Bureau mission as evaluating programs. One option is to see if we can do the project without using IRS commingled data (ie just using at worker or state-level firm data). We have had program evaluation in the past, but it depends on how the proposal is packaged – primary focus is still a benefit to the Census Bureau.
- Was talking to Tom Messenbourg – would like to push harder to allow program evaluation on a broader scale, so the climate is changing on that front.
- Elements that come from IRS – employer characteristics file is commingled with data from business register which is sourced directly from IRS. Some NAICS codes come from IRS, but others do come from states.
- CES has no policy against multiple states – have a 3 state rule they use for research projects where they want to use at least 3 states so that states aren't identifiable.
- Should be able to work with Jeremy and CES to develop a project that could get approval.

### *Dates for 2011 Workshop (Tues/Wed vs Wed/Thurs)*

Note – RDC use could be good topic for workshop, particularly state only part

No objections to a Tues/Wed instead of Wed/Thurs

### *Dates/format/location for September Steering Committee meeting*

Full day September 15, until 3 pm on September 16

Interest in going back to the workshop hotel

If another location – assets are proximity to the metro and quick travel time to airport

### *LMI analyst training this summer - plan, recruiting for curriculum development workgroup*

- Census willing to pay for training for an LED analyst from every state

- Training to be conducted in DC, 1.5 day training, intensive, pre-requisites
- Greg – would it cover using SAS for the big files?
- Tasks – develop curriculum, develop training manual, needs a lot of preparation work up front, but we have a short timeline to work in
- Greg – ask people who've done training before about what did and didn't work (Colleen may have)
- Greg – volunteer Scott and maybe a couple of other people, he will talk to Graham re. Nick , and Jude re. Deb
- Matt – are there still travel restrictions on for some states, are we going to have to face that – yes
- What makes a good analyst:
  - First – someone who knows the 8 QWIs and OTM really well, and has a great facility for the online tools. Second – someone who can use all 28 QWIs and can use some data crunching tool to get information from the big databases the states get
  - Analysts should know their local data and connect it to the LED data – Census staff don't know the LED context

#### ***LMI Matters Report***

- Solicitation for information from WIC to the states
- Political document – trying to show that what we do makes a difference
- Wondering if there's any LED included, and would like to encourage states to include it in future iterations, helps make the case for LED

#### ***Many Eyes***

- Greg – not sure how useful it is – so much in each of the pictures
- Rich – pictures are way too confusing to be of much use
- Clearly powerful, but not sure how to use it. Needs instructions, examples, something to sell its use.