

## LED Partnership Steering Committee Call 6/10/2010

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Attending: Chip Walker, Erika McEntarfer, *Bob Brown*, *Greg Weeks*, Matt Graham, *Tim Kestner*, *Rick Waclawek*, Jeremy Wu, Len Preston, Rich Froeschle

Not attending: John Dorrer, Alex Hall

### *LMI analyst training this summer - update, ideas for practical exercises with QWI (Tammy)*

Tammy to call Greg and Tim for QWI examples, and Greg re Scott Bailey's role.

Expert level training, limited to those who are able to access raw data files.

Aiming for 15-20 trainees, feel the strong pre-requisite will mean that's a reasonable number.

Goals are to build capacity for analysis and to develop people who could conduct future training

Proposed dates of August 17-19

Long term incorporation in LMI Training Institute – interest and support to do so, but not sure financial model works – worth investigating.

### *National MOU renewal period (Chip)*

Commerce legal has pushed back on the 10 year term. Compromised on 5 years. Our original vision had been that all MOUs would expire on the same 10 year term, but have realized that that could cause significant bureaucratic challenges. Anticipate that most states would expire within the same year but with different months. Could be some outliers based on states that have existing agreements that go longer than the current 5 year term and do not wish to sign the new one now. Renewals just require a letter from the state saying they wish to extend for another 5 years, not sign a whole new agreement.

Q: What does this do for future changes to MOU – does this make it more difficult to implement. A: When it comes down to it, each agreement still needs to be negotiated individually, so don't anticipate that it adds any more difficulty than is already inherent in the system.

### *Webinar report and planning for next webinar (Tammy)*

Measuring the Economy webinar very well received.

Next webinar will be led/delivered by the Census Bureau. Previously suggested items include QWI and Industry Focus – have not done webinars on those recently.

Other topics of interest – Anything to do with the oil spill? Matt – OTM doesn't have detailed enough industries to pick out the industries that are being affected, and we don't have a way to apply addresses to shrimp boats and oil rigs. OTM isn't a good data set for looking at this problem, but did look at QWIs because they were able to get better

county data at the industry data. Could perhaps use this as a QWI example in a webinar on QWI.

Send additional ideas to Tammy.

#### *Reporting Race, Ethnicity and Education in LEHD public products (Erika)*

Research staff are very close to finalizing the process for doing this.

Q: How are GEDs counted? A: As High School Graduates.

Q: Concerned about combining “some college” and “associate degree” – our research on outcomes says that this makes a huge difference. A: Agree that this would be most desirable, but the methodology doesn’t allow for it. Were not able to get reliable imputation that they would have confidence in.

Source data is currently long form decennial data from 2000 Census, ACS will eventually be incorporated, hope to get additional sources moving forward.

Production run that will include them starts October 1.

Website is being developed to include additional tabulation. Will be released in the data as an additional set of tabulations available through QWI Online.

Q: Do they add a significant dimension to the QWIs in terms of understanding the labor market? A: Depends on what you’re using the data for. For concerns about industries and firms that are downsizing, education data matters for assessing skills level. But at this point, have mostly been focused on being able to do it, not doing any analysis with it.

#### *ETA grant proposals (Jeremy)*

WCQI Prospectus has been drafted. Working on finalizing today and sending to all state partners. Identifying strategic advantages of LED to states that might wish to partner. Interested in claims data, education, job-to-job flows, improving data quality to minimize imputation – such as getting school locations to improve that data. Eight states have expressed interest so far.

Jeremy will send out the finalized prospectus to the steering committee to disseminate to states in their regions. States should get back to Jeremy if they’re interested. Greg suggested a conference call of interested states.

#### *QWI Earnings anomalies (Jeremy)*

Identification of potential problem – need to determine what can be done to make things more consistent. Lots of variability between states.

#### *OnTheMap for Emergency Management: Hurricanes (Jeremy)*

Previewed this at the workshop, are preparing for release of this on June 28. Will likely be a press release soon. Uses weather service data to be able to present data in almost real time. Designed to be media friendly.

*QWI production summary (Jeremy)*

Finished early this quarter for 48 states – highest number ever, includes CT. This is the reference quarter for OTM5, so good to have so many states in.

*EDA mapping grant (Jeremy)*

Have been talking to Indiana. Group being formed and had been involved in exchanges, but at this point does not look likely that they will have any significant involvement.