



Legislation and Regulations Focus Area

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Use Case Summary

Focus Area Discussion

Proposal 1 - Explore Using Administrative/Statistical Information to track the impact of American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) projects and programs. This approach would reduce reporting burden and increase the consistency and objectivity of impact data. Identify how disclosure limitations constrain this approach and what changes in policies, rules or laws would facilitate it.

Given current laws and regulations, what is the.....

- Feasibility of using administrative/statistical data to track project impact
- Feasibility of using administrative/statistical data to evaluate program impact
- Feasibility of using administrative/statistical data to track recovery and economic progress for small areas like census tracts

Proposal 2 – All Use Cases identify limitations created by current policies, regs, or law and what changes would both protect privacy and increase the utility of the data.

Preliminary Findings

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- Using administrative/statistical data to track **project** impact would likely disclose information on individual businesses and violate privacy protections.
- Using administrative/statistical data to track **program** impact on small areas, such as census tracts, is possible, but attribution would be difficult if there are multiple public investments in the area.
- Using administrative/statistical data to track recovery and economic progress for small areas, like census tracts, is possible. The approach could be used to identify the most effective combination of interventions and areas that are not responding to interventions.
- Collaborations with individual states with data lakes and/or states that pool data with other states may provide the best data for understanding small area economic progress.
- Requesting applicant information on the census tracts that will benefit from a project would permit mapping all the federal interventions in the area with demographic characteristics. This data could be analyzed to identify patterns in interventions that work best for individual demographics.

Next Steps

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- Document the best administrative/statistical data sets to evaluate program impact and small areas economic progress
- Identify the data that should be included in applications to facilitate evaluation
- Identify what procedures would be required to use the administrative/statistical information for evaluation given disclosure rules
- **Identify how/if forthcoming OMB guidance will facilitate using administrative/statistical data for project impact tracking and evaluations (interviews)**
- Further explore how/if administrative/statistical data could be used to track project impact – Could a business provide permission to use its data on wages and employment to track project impact?
- Review existing Federal agency white papers on legal issues relating to data sharing and use for program evaluation
- Explore a Federal/State partnership to pilot test using combined data to assess economic progress and intervention effectiveness

Full Committee Discussion

Discussion Questions

- Any white papers or pleadings on data sharing issues that can be shared?
- Any potential partners to explore using both Federal and state data to assess impact?
- Any states currently using administrative/statistical data to evaluate project or program impact?
- Should all public investments be tracked by Census tract, so it is possible to map all investments?
- Can/how can resources be made available for completing use cases and research on the constraints created by policies, regs, and law?