



Legislation and Regulations Focus Area

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Status Update

Focus Area Discussion

- **Sharing business tax information among Census/BEA/BLS—“data synchronization”**
 - Included in Administration’s FY 23 Revenue Proposal ([Green Book](#), pg. 78)
 - BEA’s limited access to business tax information and BLS’s lack of access affects the accuracy of economic statistics
- **Availability of administrative/statistical data for evaluation**
 - Use case supports the viability and utility of approach for economic development
 - Potential for routinized expedited approach, e.g., business evaluators with Special Sworn Status
 - Legislation and/or OMB guidance could counter agency conservative bias
- **Appropriations to support data management**
 - Funding is needed for data to be available for research in a timely and appropriate manner
 - Statistical agencies and agencies that hold significant data sets need dedicated qualified staff for processing requests for access and adapting data to user needs and privacy requirements
- **Federal/state data for evaluation**
 - Shared stake in knowing what works
 - NSDS could facilitate discussion with states on laws/rules that would support collaboration

Findings

Focus Area Discussion

- **Sharing business tax information among Census/BEA/BLS—”data synchronization”**
 - The three statistical agencies would be subject to taxpayer privacy law and CIPSEA safeguard procedures, requirements, and penalties
- **Availability of administrative/statistical data for evaluation**
 - OMB/ICSP guidance could provide clarity and support
 - Approach reduces reporting burden and increases reliability of impact information
 - Approach has potential to “routinize” and enhance program evaluation
 - Data on impacts and investments can be linked to census tracts
- **Appropriations to support data management**
 - Potential downstream savings and ROI
- **Federal/state data for evaluation**
 - State data collaboratives and data lakes, used with Federal data on economies and investments, create the potential for deeper analysis of complex socioeconomic ecosystems

Next Steps

Focus Area Discussion

- Action item 1 – Further discussions with ICSP on guidance regarding data sharing for evidence and evaluation
- Action item 2 – Discussion(s) with experts on the process for Special Sworn Status
- Action item 3 – Discussion with ACDEB State representatives about barriers to and advantages of collaboration on program evaluation
- Action item 4 – Document use case
- Action item 5 – Discussion regarding the Curated Data Enterprise v. America's Data Hub

Full Committee Discussion

Discussion Questions

- Does “data synchronization” for business tax information go far enough? Should Census/BEA/BLS have more license to share data?
- Concerns about Census/BEA/BLS sharing all business tax data?
- How directive should OMB/ICSP be in their guidance on data sharing?
- How can the use of administrative/statistical data for Federal evidence/evaluation be facilitated?
- How can Federal/State collaborations on program evaluation be facilitated?