

**Local Employment Dynamics Partnership Annual Workshop Agenda****March 6-7, 2008****Real Information. Real Solutions.****Thursday, March 6****9:00 - 9:20 a.m.****Welcoming Remarks***Preston Jay Waite, U.S. Census Bureau**Howard Hogan, U.S. Census Bureau**Janet Sten, Employment and Training Administration**Greg Weeks, Washington Employment Security Department**Jeremy Wu, U.S. Census Bureau***9:20 - 10:30 a.m.****Generational Differences in the Workplace***Susan Schechter, U.S. Census Bureau, Lead Panelist**S. Kathi Brown, AARP**Ken Bryson, Generations United**Jennifer Sauer, AARP**Cynthia Taeuber, Consultant***10:30 - 10:45 a.m.****Break****10:45 - 11:45 a.m.****Aligning Workforce and Economic Information***Keynote Speaker: Janet Sten, Employment and Training Administration**Richard Froeschle, Texas Workforce Commission, Lead Panelist**Joel Platt, Bureau of Economic Analysis**John Abowd, Cornell University and U.S. Census Bureau***11:45 - 12:45 p.m.****Federal Data Landscape***Kenneth Poole, The Council for Community and Economic Research, Lead Panelist**Andrew Reamer, Brookings Institution**John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland and U.S. Census Bureau***12:45 - 1:45 p.m.****Lunch****1:45 - 2:45 p.m.****OnTheMap in Action and the Next Version***Matthew Graham, U.S. Census Bureau**John Carpenter, Excensus LLC***2:45 - 3:45 p.m.****LED Means Business***Gary Yakimov, Corporation of Skilled Workforce, Lead Panelist**John Dorrer, Maine Department of Labor**Mark Troppe, NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership**Margaret Moree, The Business Council of New York State***3:45 - 4:00 p.m.****Break****4:00 - 5:00 p.m.****The Role of LED in Labor Market Information***Greg Weeks, Washington Employment Security Department**John Dorrer, Maine Department of Labor***5:00 p.m.****Adjourn**

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#### Friday, March 7

**8:30 - 9:15 a.m.**

#### **LED Nuts and Bolts**

*Colleen Flannery, U.S. Census Bureau, Lead Panelist*  
*Bernadette Moran, South Dakota Department of Labor*  
*Stephen Tibbets, U.S. Census Bureau*

**9:15 - 10:15 a.m.**

#### **Audit Report Implementation**

*Robert Brown, South Carolina Employment Security Commission, Lead Panelist*  
*George Putnam, Illinois Department of Employment Security*  
*Erika McEntarfer, U.S. Census Bureau*  
*Greg Weeks, Washington Employment Security Department*  
*Jeremy Wu, U.S. Census Bureau*

**10:15 - 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Break**

**10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**

#### **LED Enhancements**

*Jeremy Wu, U.S. Census Bureau, Lead Panelist*  
*Lars Vilhuber, Cornell University and U.S. Census Bureau*  
*John Abowd, Cornell University and U.S. Census Bureau*  
*Kristin Sandusky, U.S. Census Bureau*  
*Walter Kydd, U.S. Census Bureau*

**11:45 - 12:55 p.m.**

#### **Today's Use and Planning for the Future**

*Timothy Kestner, Virginia Employment Commission, Lead Panelist*  
*Kevin Byrnes, George Washington Regional Commission*  
*Laura Hewitt Walker, City of Seattle, Office of Housing*  
*Michelle Doran, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions*  
*George Putnam, Illinois Department of Employment Security*

**12:55 - 1:00 p.m.**

#### **Closing Comments**

*Greg Weeks, Washington Employment Security Department*  
*Jeremy Wu, U.S. Census Bureau*

**1:00 p.m.**

#### **Adjourn**

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##### **Generational Differences in the Workplace**

The American Community Survey and Local Employment Dynamics (LED) data are showing us that older workers are an increasingly larger proportion of each state's workforce. What does it mean? What are the needs for research and data to understand this developing trend in the workplace? Do they have implications for the younger workers in the workplace? Are there policy implications? LED is a new data source that can help to promote understanding of the older workers and the generational differences in the workplace.

##### **Aligning Workforce and Economic Information**

Workforce development plays a critical role in creating effective regional economic development strategies. Local Employment Dynamics (LED) data align workforce and economic information beyond the traditional boundaries of counties or metropolitan areas. They can help Employment and Training Administration's efforts to transform the workforce investment systems, as well as refining regional economic accounts and economic areas by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

##### **Federal Data Landscape**

The economy continues to be full of dynamics and rapid change. Local Employment Dynamics (LED) is emerging as an innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century federal statistical system that can provide timely information about this kind of economy, maximizing the utility of existing data and using the data assets efficiently while minimizing the burden and cost of information collection and fully preserving the confidentiality of its micro data. Where does LED fit in the vast federal data landscape, especially in times of tight budget constraints? Where does it go from here?

##### **OnTheMap in Action and the Next Version**

Since its inaugural release in February 2006, OnTheMap has expanded to 42 states with cross-state patterns, 2002-2004 data, and modular geographical layers. From the direct web-based application to the origin-destination data that can be downloaded by users, OnTheMap can already provide timely impact assessments in the aftermath of emergency situations such as tornadoes, bridge collapse, and wildfires. What more can we expect from the next version of OnTheMap, scheduled for release in 2008?

##### **LED Means Business**

Business today is looking for dynamic new information that helps benchmark themselves against others in their region and/or geographic area when it comes to important issues like new hire wages, turnover, and separation. Employers are also making more informed choices about site location and where they can find skilled workers that are within their commuting area. Hear what representatives of the business world have to say about the potential and power of LED.

##### **The Role of LED in Labor Market Information**

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##### **LED Nuts and Bolts**

In addition to the web-based applications, the LED website contains many nuts and bolts that can come in very handy. For example, what does a new state partner do after signing the official agreement? How can a state partner find out what the production status is? From where can a state (or a user) electronically download the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)? What on earth are “skinning” and SITCON? Where is the Cornell Virtual RDC? What is the latest e-Learning tool called LED Coach? What has the LED Steering Committee been up to?

##### **Audit Report Implementation**

LED data must be timely and of top quality. Data quality starts from the origin and counts every step of the way. Through the LED Steering Committee, the Census Bureau and the LED state partners have jointly refined standard operating procedures to ensure timely file delivery. Audit reports have now been designed and pilot-tested. What are the findings? How can the remaining state partners help? When can the reports be systematically implemented with the rest of LED state partners?

##### **LED Enhancements**

In addition to the development of OnTheMap Version 3 and the integration of federal employment data in 2008, LED has completed the research phase of integrating the self-employed data. What have we learned? The number of LED state partners has grown to 47 and is still increasing. How is the production of Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) keeping up? Are the days of using the suppression method limited? We will hear answers to some of these questions and the latest development of synthetic modeling for the QWIs.

##### **Today’s Use and Planning for the Future**

LED can be an important part of workforce and economic intelligence used by state and local planners for now and the future, ranging from the Labor Market Information offices to the George Washington Regional Commission and the City of Seattle. What do they entail? What are their research and data needs? What are the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the LED and OnTheMap data for their purposes?