Overview: Work Plan Approach

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Today's Discussion of the Work Plan Approach

- Decision-making criteria

- Cross-cutting themes

- Two-phase deliberations approach

- 5 focus areas

Decision-Making Criteria

- Equitable and transparent processes and procedures
  - Abide by Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) rules
  - Ensure diverse subcommittee representation
  - Adopt clear standards for the approval process

- Framework for setting priorities
  - Incorporate key budget and legislative milestones
  - Link decisions to authoritative sources (Commission for Evidence-Based Policy Making recommendations, Evidence Act implementation items, Executive Orders, etc.)
  - Map "steppingstones" of criteria

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Cross-Cutting Themes

- Value proposition
  – Essential to show how the existence of NSDS provides value
  – Examples: Inform Administration's priority areas, link to Executive Orders

- Privacy

  – Develop a systematic way to address privacy, touching on all NSDS features and functions

- Incremental progress
  – Include specific, actionable recommendations in Year 1 and Year 2 reports
  – Allow for potential implementation of selected items

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Two-Phase Approach to Deliberations

- Must acknowledge the key question…

    ➢ ***What is the NSDS—a service, a place, a philosophy?***

- Phase 1: Develop a roadmap of the features and functions of NSDS
    – What should the NSDS do?
    – How should it do it?

Two-Phase Approach to Deliberations

- Phase 2: Framework (location) and funding mechanisms
  - What operational structure(s) best fit(s) the chosen features and functions?

  - Where should they be located?

  - What level of resources are needed?

  - How to approach fees/reimbursable agreements?

Five Focus Areas

1. Legislation and regulations

2. Governance, transparency, accountability

3. Technical infrastructure

4. Government data for evidence building

5. Other items/services/capacity building

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Focus Area 1: *Legislation and Regulations*

- *Legal authority*
  - What does CIPSEA mean?
  - What doesn't it mean?
  - What are the remaining legislative barriers to data access and sharing?

- *Data access and data sharing policies*
  - What additional guidance is needed from OMB to move forward?
  - What statistical system practices must be applied to NSDS (under law/policy)?

- *Other implementation items/work in progress*
  - How to address implementation items raised by Evidence Act officials, other ACDEB members, or on public comment?

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Focus Area 2: *Governance, Transparency, Accountability*

- *Access*
  - Who can be an authorized user?
  - What are the authorized uses?
  - How can NSDS support the Standard Application Process?

- *Data standards*
  - How to provide standardized metadata?
  - What are the quality standards for inputs/outputs?

- *Transparency and accountability*
  - What oversight mechanisms, transparency requirements, and archiving policies are needed?
  - How to measure the use of data and gauge NSDS success?

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Focus Area 3: *Technical Infrastructure*

- *Production*
  - What are the relevant technologies?
  - How to get data to/in NSDS?
  - How to protect the data? How to connect users?
  - How to get results out?

- *R&D*
  - What role does NSDS have to play in R&D?
  - Should ACDEB promote more piloting of emerging technologies? If so, how?
  - How to build capacity for innovation and avoid becoming out-of-date?

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Focus Area 4: *Government Data for Evidence Building*

- *Stakeholder needs*
  - How to address the needs of government at all levels?

- *Statistical system coordination*
  - What practices could be improved to ensure the entire system works better?
  - How to get statistical agencies to cooperate?

- *Capacity building*
  - How to build workforce and user capacity?
  - How to improve data literacy?
  - What training and tools are needed?

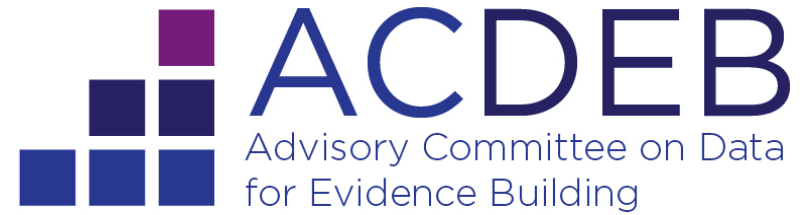# Focus Area 5: *Other Items/Services/Capacity Building*

- *Services to lower-capacity agencies*
  - Should NSDS provide other services (e.g., data curation, dissemination, disclosure, archiving) to lower-capacity agencies at any level of government?
  - If so, how?

- *Other*
  - Are there other services NSDS should offer or additional ways to support data for evidence building?

Supercommittee and Other Focus Areas

- *Supercommittee*

  – Cross-section of members from different focus areas and with different expertise and experience

  – Ensure consistency across focus areas and minimize duplication of efforts

  – Tasks include proposing decision-making standards and drafting criteria for pilot projects

- *Other focus areas*

  – Once NSDS features and functions have been addressed, stand up additional subcommittees to work out framework and funding mechanisms, as well as other focus areas, as appropriate.

ACDEB Milestones

October 2020–April 2021	May 2021–Oct. 2021	Oct. 2021–Oct. 2022
Knowledge Sharing	Deliberations / Recommendation Formation	
• Overview: Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking and the Evidence Act • Relevant Technologies • International, State, and Local Perspectives • Performance Officers and Evaluation Officers Perspectives • Federal Statistical System Perspectives and Experience • Chief Data Officers Perspectives • External Researchers Perspectives • Privacy and Confidentiality Concepts and Technologies • Physical Sciences Data Challenges • Hart-Potok Framework	• Subcommittee Kickoff • Continue information gathering • Begin implementation • Develop Year 2 Plan • Due: Year 1 Report	• Adopt Year 2 Plan • Continue information gathering • Monitor implementation • Finalize recommendations • Due: Year 2 Report

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FACA Requirements and Meeting Reminders

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FACA Requirements

- Meetings
  - Required: DFO or Assistant DFO must attend all meetings
  - Additional support, like facilitation, also available

- Reporting
  - Required: Subcommittees must report back to full Committee
  - Subcommittees present work plans and gather feedback at Committee meetings
  - Subcommittee minutes available for full Committee review

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Communication and Support

- Communication

  - Include evidence@bea.gov on relevant emails
  - Store subcommittee notes and materials in designated sections on OMB MAX (support staff can help)
  - May use other collaboration methods and technologies (with support staff access for documentation purposes)

- Support

  - Providing relevant information that's easy to access and use
  - Subcommittee meeting facilitation and documentation

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