Thoughts from the Chair

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Outline

• Promise: The Evolving Data Ecosystem
• Plans and Priorities: Year 2 Mandate and Roadmap
• Perspectives: The Lenses
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Promise: The Evolving Data Ecosystem

Federal Data Strategy

CIPSEA 2018

Evidence Commission, Act, and Committee

Federal, State and Local Government data along with Private Sector data

National Secure Data Service

Chief Data Officers, Evaluation Officers, and Statistical Officials

Agency plans and policies for implementing the Evidence Act
Our mandate as a Committee in Year 2 is to leverage our combined expertise and shape the path of evolution for the Federal statistical system both by (1) guiding near-term actions and (2) fleshing out the longer-term target it should be evolving towards.
Plans and Priorities: Year 2 Roadmap

Timeline and Milestones

- **January-July**: Gather information, build findings, draft recommendations, incorporate feedback
- **July 22**: Approve all recommendations
- **July-September**: Draft report
- **October 14**: Deliver Year 2 report to OMB

Mechanisms

- Iterative conversations with OMB/ICSP
- Use cases
- Other information sources
Plans and Priorities: ACDEB’s Process

Focus Area Workflow

**Process Steps**

- **Gather Information**
  - Review relevant materials
  - Solicit input from Committee experts
  - Develop use cases

- **Develop Findings**
  - Synthesize information
  - Identify options
  - Weigh pros and cons
  - Document considerations

- **Draft Recommendations**
  - Prepare recommendations based on findings

- **Subcommittee Approval**
  - Discuss and approve recommendations
  - Use iterative process, as necessary, to raise issues and seek consensus

- **Solicit Initial Feedback**
  - Circulate draft recommendations with full Committee
  - Solicit interim feedback through Coordinating Committee
  - Build consensus and identify objections

- **Report out to Full Committee**
  - Compile findings and recommendations, including presentations and read-aheads
  - Present for discussion and approval at public meeting

**Timeline**

- January-July 2022

- **Subcommittee Meetings**

- **Committee Coordination**

- **Public Meetings**

**March, May, July**

**Committee Discussion and Decision**
Plans and Priorities: ICSP Conversations

ICSP Workstreams

- Access and Confidentiality: Regulation
- Access and Confidentiality: Methods Coordination
- Standard Application Process: Technical Development
- Standard Application Process: Governance
- Standard Application Process: Technical Assistance
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Other Items: Trust Reg

Primary ACDEB Subcommittees

- Legislation and Regulations
- Technical Infrastructure
- Governance, Transparency, and Accountability
- Other Services and Capacity-Building Opportunities

Supporting

- Government Data for Evidence Building
# Plans and Priorities: Use Cases

## Topics
- Education and Workforce
- Labor Market Activity
- Health
- Administrative Data for Measuring Project Outcomes
- Data Inventories and Metadata
- Linking Environmental Quality and Health
- Technical Infrastructure Requirements
- Technical Assistance
- Communications

## Cross-Cutting Items
- Focus
- Rationale
- Key Points: Value, Data Sources, Barriers, Possible Solutions, Privacy and Confidentiality
- Perspectives: Subcommittees, Expert Groups
## Perspectives: The Lenses

### ACDEB Subcommittees
- Legislation and Regulations
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### Expert Groups
- ICSP Members (Statistical Agency Heads)
- Evaluation Officers and Performance Improvement Officers
- Chief Data Officers
- State and Local Government
- Private Researchers
- The Privacy Community
Perspectives: ICSP Members (Statistical Agency Heads)

• Very broadly, are there key takeaways from this use case that could yield timely, actionable, and relevant action steps for the federal statistical system?

• Does this model support the implementation of Title III of the Evidence Act (that is, CIPSEA 2018) directly? If so, how? Are there lessons learned that federal agencies could apply as they meet Evidence Act mandates?

• How does this model fit in with and build on what’s already under way around the federal statistical system?

• How can this use case inform the “here and now” and better position the system to support the target NSDS?
Perspectives: Other ACDEB Experts

Sample Questions

- Evaluation Officers and Performance Improvement Officers:
  - Does the use case help address existing administrative barriers to program evaluation?

- Chief Data Officers:
  - How does the use case help improve data management practices?

- State and Local Government:
  - How do the involved parties use incentives and/or data standards to facilitate participation in data sharing?

- Private Researchers:
  - Does the use case help facilitate easier and quicker access to data?

- The Privacy Community:
  - Does the use case illustrate the application of advanced privacy enhancing techniques? And address the privacy/quality tradeoff?
Progress: Standard Application Process

- **What it is:** The SAP will serve as a unified front-door for applying for access to restricted use data from statistical agencies/units

- **Why it helps:** The SAP can serve as a key building block for the NSDS providing a means for data access and discovery

- **How we shape it:** The Committee can shape its design through the ICSP workstreams, providing feedback on the questions they have requested input on, and through the Committee’s recommendations
Progress: NSDS Legislation

**Completed Legislation**

- CIPSEA 2018
- Federal Data Service Project Funding

**In-Process Legislation**

- NSDS Demonstration Proposal – House Version
- NSDS Demonstration Proposal – Senate Version

? Next Step: Conference Outcome