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

• 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?