



Tuesday May 18th, 2010

7:15	Registration	Hampton Room Lobby East Lobby
8:30 – 4	Training Workshops: Applications of Local Employment Dynamics	Hampton Room East Lobby
1 - 4:30	C2ER Board Meeting	Capitol Room East Lobby

Wednesday May 19th, 2010

7:15	Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:30 – 12	Training Workshop: <i>“How Cool is Your City?”</i>	Governors Room East Lobby
8:30 – 12	<i>C2ER State Economic Researchers Roundtable (*Limited to State Researchers)</i>	Calvert Room East Lobby
8:30	<i>*Overview & Introductions</i>	Calvert Room East Lobby
8:45	<i>*Streamlining Economic Development in a Tough Budget Environment</i>	Calvert Room East Lobby
9:45	<i>*Green jobs Research: Potential Influences on State Policy</i>	Calvert Room East Lobby
10:45	<i>*Defining Non-Traditional Clusters: Focus on the Creative Economy</i>	Calvert Room East Lobby
11:45	<i>*Open Forum Discussion</i>	Calvert Room East Lobby
10:30 - 11:30	ACS Roundtable (By Invitation Only)	Embassy Room East Lobby
1:00	Welcome and Introductions	Blue Room East Lobby
1:30	Keynote Speech: Role of the Federal Government in the Regional Economic Transformation	Blue Room East Lobby
2:15	Economic Outlook 2010 and Beyond	Blue Room East Lobby
3:00	Coffee Break	Blue Prefunction East Lobby
3:30	Breakout Sessions:	
	1. Understanding the Green Economy: Defining Green Industries and Jobs	Blue Room East Lobby
	2. Industry Transformations: The New Financial Services Industry: What Does it Mean for Your Regional Economy?	Hampton Room East Lobby
	3. Innovation & Growth: Why Does Innovation Matter so Much to Regional Economic Growth?	Governors Room East Lobby
	4. Sponsor/Exhibitor Demonstrations: Workforce Associates: TORQ	Calvert Room East Lobby
5:30 - 6:30	Opening Reception	Blue Prefunction East Lobby
6:30	Dine-A-Round-Town	Off Site



Thursday May 20th, 2010

7:15	Registration	Outside Blue Prefunction Room
7:30	Breakfast	Blue Prefunction East Lobby
8:30	Plenary Session: Measuring the Impact of Federal Spending, Facilities, & Employment	Blue Room East Lobby
9:30	Breakout Sessions: Understanding the Green Economy: Cool New Products, How the Green Economy is Changing What Companies Make Industry Transformations: Trends in Manufacturing: The Future of Automotive Productions in U.S. Regions Innovation & Growth: Measuring Business & Worker Employment Dynamics Sponsor/Exhibitor Demonstrations: Geographic Solutions	Calvert Room East Lobby Cabinet Room West Lobby Blue Room East Lobby Forum Room West Lobby
10:45	Coffee Break	Blue Prefunction East Lobby
11:15	Breakout Sessions: Understanding the Green Economy: Green Products & Services in the Global Marketplace Industry Transformations: Trends in the Cyber Security Industry Innovation & Growth: Monitoring the Economy, Using Real Time & Projected Workforce Data Appropriately & Effectively Sponsor/Exhibitor Demonstrations: LocationOne	Calvert Room East Lobby Blue Room East Lobby Capitol Room West Lobby Forum Room West Lobby
12:30	Keynote Luncheon: Outlook for State Budgets FY 2011 & Beyond	Hampton Room East Lobby
2 - 6	Training Workshop Continued: "How Cool is Your City?" (Quality of Life) Off-Site "City" Learning Lab	Meet outside Blue Room East Lobby
2:30 - 4:00	Bringing Workforce & Labor Market Information to the People	Capitol Room East Lobby
2:30	Off-Site Development Tour: Sponsored by Jones Lang LaSalle	Meet in Hotel Main Lobby
4:15 - 5	LMI Training Institute Board Meeting	Capitol Room East Lobby
4:30	Sponsor/Exhibitor Demonstrations:	Forum Room West Lobby



C2ER Conference Agenda At-A-Glance



Friday May 21st, 2010

7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	Blue Prefunction East Lobby
8:00	C2ER Business Breakfast Meeting	Blue Room East Lobby
9:15	Peer-Led Discussions: Resource Central: State Best Practices in Using Local Employment Dynamics	Capitol Room East Lobby
	Resource Central: Market Intelligence in Regional Economic Research	Blue Room East Lobby
	Resource Central: New Data to Monitor the Progress of Education & the Workforce	Calvert Room East Lobby
10:30	Coffee Break	Blue Prefunction East Lobby
11:00	Plenary Session: Regional Socioeconomic Statistics Update	Blue Room East Lobby
12:30	Conference Adjourn	

Tuesday, May 18, 2010
Preconference Activities

8:00-8:30 a.m.

8:30 – 4:00 **Training Workshop: Applications of Local Employment Dynamics**
(Hampton Room: East Lobby)

Working together, the state Labor Market Information agencies and the Census Bureau have developed a very useful tool for analyzing the local workforce. The Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program combines data already available from LMI and Census to provide information about local labor market conditions and the demographics of the workforce. This session is designed to provide you with insights on what data is currently available and what's coming up, as well as advice on how you can use it in your own research work.

8:30 **Intro/Goals**

Ken Poole, Executive Director, C2ER/ LMI Training Institute
Jeremy Wu, Program Manager, LEHD, US Census Bureau

8:50 **What New Measures of the Green Economy Mean (and don't mean) for LMI's**

Robert Marske, U.S. Census Bureau

9:05 **Practical Application #1**

Deidre Myers, Director of Research, Oklahoma Department of Commerce

9:25 **The LED fundamentals**

John Abowd, Senior Research Fellow, Cornell University

10:00 **Greening and Green Economy: Playing Well with LED**

Bonnie Graybill, Deputy Division Chief, Labor Market, California Employment Development Dept

10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:45 **Practical Application #2**

Beverly Kerr, Vice President, Research, Austin Chamber of Commerce

11:05 **Overview of Online LED Tools (Industry Focus on QWI Online)**

Stephen Tibbets, Economist, LEHD US Census Bureau

11:45 **LED Use of Data Visualization to Attract New Users**

Jeremy Wu, Program Manager, LEHD, US Census Bureau

12:15 **Lunch**

(Lunch on your own)

Tuesday, May 18, 2010
Preconference Activities

- 8:30 – 4:00** **Training Workshop: Applications of Local Employment Dynamics**
(Hampton Room: East Lobby)
- 1:45** **Practical Application #3**
Brandon Curtis, Research Analyst, C2ER
- 2:05** **OnTheMap**
Heath Hayward, Geographer, LEHD, US Census Bureau
- 3:00** **Coffee Break**
- 3:15** **Under the Hood: Terms and Definitions**
Kristin Sandusky, Economist, LEHD, US Census Bureau
Uma Radhakrishnan, Economist, Center for Economic Studies, US Census Bureau
- 4:00** **Looking forward**
Jeremy Wu, Program Manager, LEHD, US Census Bureau

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Preconference Activities

- 8:30 – 12:00** **Training Workshop:**
How Cool is Your City? Measuring Quality of Life (Part 1)
(Governors Room: East Lobby)
Instructor: Rebecca Ryan, 2EO, Next Generation Consulting

Experts agree that “Quality of Life” is critical to your city’s ability to retain and attract mobile, knowledge workers. But...

- How do you quantify it and measure quality of life?
- How do use quality of life measures to shape and sharpen a civic agenda?
- How do you become the “go-to” resource in your community when employers are seeking to attract and keep an educated, younger workforce?

During multiple sessions held Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, “Cool School” participants will:

- Gain insights about seven quality of life indexes that make a city attractive to next gen workers
- See your city’s data in each index, so you can calculate your city’s scores
- Understand techniques to help you tell a story about quality of life in your community, and how to use a “handprint” to shape and sharpen a civic agenda.
- Participate in hands-on experiences in Washington to help translate the metrics into real-life experiences you can use in your own cities.



Wednesday, May 19 (Washington Omni Shoreham Hotel)

(Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 in front of the Blue Room; the meeting will be held in the Calvert Room)

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Calvert Room: East Lobby)

8:00 – noon C2ER State Economic Researchers' Roundtable *(Open to State Researchers)*
(Calvert Room: East Lobby)

State Chapter Co-Chairs:

- Sue Piatt**, Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development & Int'l Trade
- Mary Cerney**, Research Manager, South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development

8:00 a.m. Roundtable Overview and Participant Introductions

8:45 a.m. Streamlining Economic Development in a Tough Budget Environment

C2ER has collected several years of data that describe overall trends and provide insights about the patterns of how states are changing their investment in economic development, particularly in policy making. This discussion will focus on how it is affecting those organizations and the likely impact it might have on job creation and retention activities as well as outcomes.

Session Presenters and Facilitators:

- Edward Feser, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, University of Illinois
- Pofen Salem, Ph.D.**, Senior Fellow, C2ER

9:30 a.m. Green Jobs Research: Potential Influences on State Policy

This discussion will focus on the State LMI improvement grants and how they are being used to frame state policymaking efforts. Brief examples of some of the work that is being done will be highlighted as well as the processes being used to engage policy leaders in the research process and use.

- Tim Slaper, Ph.D.**, Director of Economic Analysis, Indiana University, Indiana Business Research Center
- Jerry Paytas, Ph.D.**, Director of Research, GSP Consulting

10:15 a.m. Defining Non-traditional Clusters: Focus on the Creative Economy

Many states are examining their policies related to supporting the creative economy, but there is much debate about what exactly constitutes this "cluster." There are a number of ways to measure this economic segment, and this session is designed to explore how states are responding to the challenge.

- Chris Beacham**, Director, Economic Development Programs, Regional Technology Strategies

11:00 a.m. Open Forum Discussion

Co-facilitated by: **Sue Piatt** and **Mary Cerney**

Proposed topics include:

LMI/Economic Development Research Data Sharing and Joint Research

12:00 pm. Adjourn State Economic Researchers Roundtable



Wednesday, May 19, 2010 ***Conference Activities Begin***

1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction

1:30 p.m. Keynote Address:
Role of the Federal Government in the Regional Economic Transformation

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Keynote Speaker: **Ginger Lew**, Senior Counselor to the Director,
National Economic Council, Executive Office of the President

The passage of the American Recovery and Renewal Act in 2009 provided an infusion into a wide array of policy domains that are likely to transform the role of the Federal government in the economy. This session will review those investments and the prospects for sustaining those investments in 2011 and beyond.

2:15 p.m. Economic Outlook: 2010 and Beyond

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: **Dan Gorin**, Senior Community Affairs Analyst, Federal Reserve System Board of Governors
Speaker: **Mark Palim, Ph.D.**, Director, Economics and Mortgage Market Analysis, Fannie Mae

Many economists are saying that the recovery will be well underway by mid-2010, but what is the outlook for job creation? This session will examine strengths and weaknesses of the US regional economies and identify key trends to watch.

3:00 Coffee Break

(Blue Prefunction Room: East Lobby)

3:30 p.m. Breakout sessions:

1. UNDERSTANDING THE "GREEN" ECONOMY **Defining "Green" Industries and Jobs**

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: **Bonnie Graybill**, Deputy Division Chief, Program and Local Information Section, Labor Market Information Division, State of California

Panelists: **David Rivkin**, Technical Officer, U.S. Department of Labor, National Center for O*NET Development
David Widawsky, Associate Director National Center for Environmental Innovation Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dixie Sommers, Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Many Federal agencies, including the statistical agencies, are examining green industries with a goal of creating a pragmatic definition for green industries. In addition, states are also conducting research on the "green-ness" of their economies. This session will review the status of those efforts and the prospects for regional policy makers and analysts to access data to describe their own green economies.



2. INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATIONS

The New Financial Services Industry: What Does It Mean For Your Regional Economy?

(Hampton Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Jim Futrell, Director of Market Research & Analysis, Allegheny Conference on Community Development

Panelists: Tao Sun, Economist, Monetary and Capital Market Dept., International Monetary Fund

Steve Bartlett, President and CEO, Financial Services Roundtable

Peter Glick, Senior Vice President-Energy and Corporate, Wells Fargo Securities

With the financial meltdown, many parts of the financial services industry underwent major changes. Key sectors, such as investment banking, have shifted their focus to lower risk lending. Furthermore, banks have tightened credit for all types of lending. How have these changes affected Main Street, and what will the new financial services industry look like as recent reforms are implemented and new changes are proposed.

3. INNOVATION AND GROWTH

Why Does Innovation Matter So Much to Regional Economic Growth?

(Governors Room: East Lobby)

Moderator/ Panelist: Graham Toft, Ph.D., Principal, Growth Economics

Panelists: Mitch Horowitz, Vice President & Managing Director, Battelle Technology Partnership Practice

Samuel Leiken, Vice President, Council on Competitiveness

According to many economists, innovation will drive economic growth in many regions, but not every region has a major research institution to help drive growth. What exactly does it mean to “innovate” and how can most regions leverage innovation to their competitive advantage? What are the best ways to measure success in promoting innovation and how are regions doing so.

4. Sponsor/Exhibitor Demonstrations

Workforce Associates: TORQ

(Calvert Room: East Lobby)

Presenter: Bill Johnston

What is TORQ™?— the powerful new online talent development tool from Workforce Associates, Inc. TORQ™ combines your own labor market information with the massive O*NET™ database of occupational information to reveal the skills, abilities, and knowledge of your talent force. With TORQ™, job transitions and career paths are easy to understand and harness. Whether you’re dealing with an individual job transfer, mapping career pathways, or showcasing the skills of your regional workforce, TORQ™ gives you the tools to achieve your talent development goals.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception

(Blue Prefunction Room: East Lobby)

6:30 p.m.

Dine-A-Round-Town

Thursday, May 20, 2010

8:30 a.m. Plenary Session:
Measuring the Impact of Federal Spending, Facilities and Employment

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Speaker: Michael Wood, Director, Recovery.gov, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008, the federal government spent \$2.8 trillion for direct expenditures, including grants (\$575 billion); procurement contracts (\$514 billion); salaries and wages (\$254 billion) and direct loans (\$38 billion). There is a wealth of data available on procurement contracts at USAspending.gov and of stimulus spending through Recovery.gov. In addition, ARRA provided an additional \$787 billion. How can we assess the impact of this spending in our own communities?

9:30 a.m. Breakout sessions:

1. UNDERSTANDING THE "GREEN" ECONOMY

Cool New Products: How the Green Economy is Changing What Companies Make

(Calvert Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Marty Romitti, Ph.D., Director, Missouri Economic Research & Information Center

Panelists: Maggie Nichols, VP, Eureka! Ranch International

Karen Chapple, Ph.D., Associate Professor, City & Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley

Green products and services are emerging as vital new economic drivers, and some have the potential to have significant impacts on the economy. How will green products and services affect key industries and the work that their employees do? This session will help analysts better understand how to interpret labor market trends in the most greatly impacted industries.

2. INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATIONS

Trends in Manufacturing: The Future of Automotive Production in US Regions

(Cabinet Room: West Lobby)

Moderator: Tom Tveidt, Research Economist, SYNEVA Economics LLC

Panelists: Tom Klier, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Kristin Dziczek, Director, Labor and Industry Group, Center for Automotive Research

US auto consumption dropped below 10 million last year. At this pace, China is set to become the largest national auto market in the world next year. What exactly is the future of auto production in the US? What does this mean for the hundreds of communities depending on assemblers, suppliers, and parts producers?

3. INNOVATION AND GROWTH

Measuring Business and Worker Employment Dynamics

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Rosa Hayes, Assistant Commissioner, Workforce Information and Analysis, Georgia Dept. of Labor

Panelists: Joe Ward, Labor Market Information Manager, South Carolina Dept. of Commerce

John Haltiwanger, Ph.D., Distinguished Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Economics, University of Maryland

Rick Clayton, Chief, Division of Administrative Statistics and Labor Turnover, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

BLS and Census have developed tools to help monitor new job creation and destruction. These data sources provide an ability to understand our economy in very different ways. How are analysts using the data and what are the advantages and disadvantages of those data sources?

4. Vendor Demonstrations: Geographic Solutions

(Forum Room: West Lobby)

Presenter: Paul Toomey

Established in 1992, Geographic Solutions, Inc., has become the nation's leading provider of software solutions for workforce development, employment, and training. We have developed state-of-the-art systems for employment and workforce development agencies in more than 40 states. Our software is available to over 75 percent of the job seekers and employers in the country.

Our staff has decades of combined experience in developing workforce development systems. In fact, more than 85 percent of our in-house staff is technical, including advanced web designers, graphic artists, geographic information system specialists, dynamic web site developers, technical writers, online help specialists, network administrators, and database designers. Our professional staff includes certified Oracle, SQL Server, and Microsoft developers.

10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

(Blue Prefunction Room: East Lobby)

11:15 a.m. Breakout sessions:

1. UNDERSTANDING THE "GREEN" ECONOMY "Green" Products and Services in the Global Marketplace

(Calvert Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Joe Kulenovic, Senior Director, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Panelists: Mary Saunders, Dep. Asst Sec. for Manuf. and Services, International Trade Administration, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Kari Reidy, General Business Specialist, NIST-MEP

J. Michael Simpson, System Operations Director, NIST-MEP

For decades, Europe and Japan have led the development of green products and services. Will North America continue to play catch up or will the current "green" movement help push our companies to the forefront? What are the global export opportunities for North American products? This session is designed to provide background on the global outlook for the green economy and what it will take for our companies to succeed in this marketplace.

2. INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATIONS Trends in the Cyber Security Industry

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Nancy McCrea, Research Director, Maryland Dept. of Business & Economic Development

Panelists: Ben Wu, Technology Policy Advisor, Dept. of Business and Economic Development

Sarah Djamshidi, Executive Director, Chesapeake Innovation Center

John Woodward, Executive Director of Space, Intelligence and Information Operations, the MITRE Corporation

Critical sectors of the nation's economy are now reliant on the effective and secure flow of electronic information and communications systems. These systems, however, face growing attacks to their security. In the coming years, the federal government will ramp up to spend billions to protect our government systems and networks, conduct cyber security research, and fund critical public infrastructure. In addition, the \$30 billion U.S. Cyber Command will also create a number of opportunities related to cyber security. What are the needs of this growing industry and how can states and regions take advantage?

3. INNOVATION AND GROWTH

Monitoring the Economy:

Using Real-time and Projected Workforce Data Appropriately and Effectively

(Capitol Room: West Lobby)

Moderator: John Dorrer, Director, Center for Workforce Research & Information, State of Maine

Panelists: June Shelp, Vice President, The Conference Board

Yustina Saleh, Director of Analytics and Strategic Research, Burning Glass

Warren May, Economic Manager, Information Delivery and Analysis, Labor Market Statistics, Agency for Workforce Innovation, Florida

A big challenge for policy makers is that publicly available data used to monitor economic trends is often many months old. Moreover, the most current information offers very little regional detail. Recent trends in using "real-time" labor market data offers one potential solution to this challenge. How are these data being used in characterizing or forecasting regional economies and labor markets? What are the tradeoffs in using this data in terms of accuracy?



4. Sponsor/Exhibitor Demonstrations LocationOne

(Forum Room: West Lobby)

Presenter: Clark Smith

How To Present Your Demographic, and Site and Building Data Effectively and Do the Skills of Your Workforce Meet the Needs of Your Target Industries?

LocationOne Information System, LOIS, is a searchable site, building and community database system that is easy to use. LOIS is a very affordable system that utilizes GIS and all the other powerful tools on the internet. Learn how you can join the other 7000 communities using LOIS.

To identify target industries, economic developers often use a variety of factors such as national and local area employment size and trends, industry concentration and supply chains, and regional assets such as transportation systems, utilities, and educational systems. However, the specific skills of the region's workforce are only rarely considered in the industry targeting process. In this session, you will learn about the sources of workforce skills information and how they can be applied in industry targeting. In addition, we will discuss approaches to transition the skills of workers in your region to meet the needs of emerging, high growth gazelle industries.

12:30 p.m. **Keynote and Recognition Luncheon: Outlook for State Budgets in FY 2011 and beyond**

(Hampton Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Tony Crumbley, Vice President, Research, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Lucy Dadayan, Senior Policy Analyst, Rockefeller Institute of Government

2:00 – 6:00 **Training Workshop (Continued) (Off-site Learning Lab): "How Cool is Your City? Measuring Quality of Life" (Part 2)**

(Meet in Exhibitor area, outside the Blue Room, East Lobby)

Instructor: Rebecca Ryan, 2EO, Next Generation Consulting

2:30 p.m. **Bringing Workforce and Labor Market Information to the People**

(Capitol Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Gary Crossley, Workforce Information Council

Speakers: Jeremy Deyo, Project Manager, DBA Virginia Employment Commission, Labor Market Information
Anthony Dais, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

This presentation and roundtable discussion will provide users with insights regarding best practices in web delivery tools, identify current and future trends, and provide tips for communicating through new media and social networking tools.



2:30 p.m. **Off-site Development Tour**
(Meet in hotel Main Lobby)
Sponsored by Jones Lang LaSalle.

Most people don't realize that DC is an active and livable city; there is a perception that the city is little more than Federal monuments and government buildings. Jones Lang LaSalle will host a bus tour around our town showcasing both large commercial development, (DC Convention Center and Nationals Park) and the local revitalization and redevelopment growth taking place throughout the city. Tour locations are to include 7th Street, the new convention area, around Union Station, and 14th street.

4:15 p.m. **LMI Training Institute Board meeting (*invitation only*)**
(Capitol Room: East Lobby)

Friday, May 21, 2010

8:00 a.m. **C2ER Business Breakfast Meeting**

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

C2ER Chair: **Bob Isaacson**, Director, JOBZ and Business Finance Office at MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development

Join us and learn about C2ER's plans for 2011.

9:15 a.m. ***Resource Central:* Peer-Led Discussion Sessions**

1. State Best Practices in Using Local Employment Dynamics

(Capitol Room: East Lobby)

Facilitator: **Bill Niblack**, LMI Manager, Missouri Dept. of Economic Development

Panelist: **Will Chamberlain**, ALMIS Database Administrator, Maine Department of Labor

Annette Shelton-Tideman, Workforce Analyst, Oregon Employment Department

Aruna Murthy Ph.D., Director of Economic Analysis, Arizona Department of Commerce

This session will focus on how states and regions are using the LED dataset as a resource to inform decision making. The goal is to provide insights from LMI agencies and data users into the kinds of projects that LED has helped to describe a regional economy. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to offer suggestions on how LED might be improved or enhanced to meet current or future user needs.

2. Market Intelligence in Regional Economic Research

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Facilitator: Larry Henson, Director of Business Intelligence, Louisiana Dept. of Economic Development

This session will focus on regional economic development research activities designed to help companies better understand market opportunities and changes in their industry. This facilitated discussion session provides an opportunity for researchers to share their experiences and assess key data tools that they have used.

3. New Data to Monitor the Progress of Education and the Workforce

(Calvert Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Drew Conrad, Program Manager, Institute for Decision Making Special Projects Manager, Business & Community Services The University of Northern Iowa

Panelist: Bi Vuong, Senior Associate, Data Quality Campaign

The Federal government is investing substantial resources to develop a richer and more robust database of individuals that will improve our ability to monitor educational success, track the performance of educational institutions at the secondary and post-secondary level, and provide invaluable information about the skills of a state's workforce. How is this effort progressing and what are the opportunities for helping to inform economic and workforce development policymaking?

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
(Blue Prefunction Room: East Lobby)

11:00 a.m. Plenary Session:
Regional Socioeconomic Statistics Update

(Blue Room: East Lobby)

Moderator: Andrew Reamer, Fellow, Brookings Institution

Panelists: Bob Marske, Chief, Economic Planning and Coordination Division, Census Bureau

David Johnson, Chief, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Census Bureau

Jack Galvin, Associate Commissioner for Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Joel Platt, Associate Director for Regional Economics, US Bureau of Economic Analysis

During the popular session, representatives from the major Federal statistical agencies will provide updates on recent and upcoming changes planned for local statistics. Representatives from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis are also expected to provide an update on proposals for new statistical initiatives.

12:30 p.m. Conference Adjourns