Sources and Uses of Federal Labor Market Information: Current Developments

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Sources and Uses of Federal Labor Market Information

- Current Developments in the Federal Statistical System
 - Student aid data
 - Occupational profiles
 - Longitudinal data systems
 - Educational attainment data
- Federal Perspectives on Real-time LMI

Current Developments: Student Aid Data

- Federal Student Aid Data Center
 - FAFSA applications by postsecondary school
 - Title IV volume by postsecondary school
 - Default rates by postsecondary school
 - Gainful Employment data by school and CIP name

Current Developments: Occupational Profiles

- Industry competency models, ETA
- Occupational Requirements Survey, BLS
 - Time to proficiency
 - Physical demand
 - Environmental risk factors

Current Developments: Longitudinal Data Systems

- Collegemeasures.org
- Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems,
 NCES FY2014 budget request for \$85M (from \$38M)
 - \$36M in new grants (\$3M-5M per state)
 - \$10M postsecondary-workforce data initiatives
- Workforce Data Quality Campaign,
 National Skills Coalition

Current Developments: Educational Attainment Data

- Interagency Working Group on Expanded Measures of Enrollment and Attainment (GEMENA)—postsecondary non-degree credentials
- Local Employment Dynamics, Census Bureau
 - Quarterly Workforce Indicators
 - OnTheMap

Federal Perspectives on Real-time LMI

- Project aim: understand potential value of RTLMI to federal agencies and national trade associations
- Eleven organizations interviewed
- Finding: RTLMI supports five types of activities

Federal Perspectives on Real-time LMI: Organizations Interviewed

- Policy organizations: Office of Science and Technology Policy (WH); Science Committee (House)
- Program agencies: Federal Reserve Board of Governors,
 Small Business Administration, Employment and
 Training Administration (DOL)
- Statistical agencies: Bureau of Labor Statistics (DOL), National Center for Education Statistics (ED), National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NSF)
- Trade associations: American Association of Community Colleges, Manufacturing Institute (NAM), Center for Energy Workforce Development

Federal Perspectives on Real-time LMI: Supports Five Activities

- Labor market research and analysis
- Occupational profile revisions—Occ. Outlook Handbook, O*NET, Competency Model Clearinghouse, Std Occ. Classification System
- Statistical modeling—jobs and job openings
- Grants program management—program design, application support
- Constituent services—build constituent capacity, improve data quality

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