



**Analyst Resource Center Meeting
December 1-3, 2009
Charleston, South Carolina**

In Attendance:

David Adams (TX)
Donna Burkett (IA)
Bob Cottrell (NC)
Steve Duthie (MT)
Phil Ellsworth (WY)
Gary Gipson (OR)
Imaura Harvey (FL)
Kim Hughes (NE)
Christopher Knight (FL)
Denise Lee (NC)
John Pearce (OR)
Dana Placzek (CT)
Steve Rosenow (NCSC)
Marilyn Skalberg (Contractor)
Bill Stambaugh (NC)
Roger Therrien (CT)
John Torres (NV)
Joe Ward (SC)
Rita Watson (MT)
Grant Westfall (WI)
Gary Wilson (IA)

Welcome, Introductions, and Administrative Topics

The ARC approved the July 2009 meeting minutes.

From a previously administered survey, several LMI Directors expressed interest in participating in ARC and learning more about ARC activities. The ARC is currently in contact with these individuals.

Although the ARC contract expired October 31, 2009, a no-cost extension has been issued by ETA through March 31, 2010.

The group discussed options for maintaining effective communications between meetings. Suggestions, such as teleconferencing and web conferencing, will be considered by subcommittees. State representatives were asked to explore their local technological capacity to participate in webinars/web conferencing and report back at the next meeting.

For first-time attendees, a brief overview of each ARC subcommittee was provided, including respective charges, duties, and responsibilities.

Communication and Marketing

The group recognized that a government consortium faces limitations related to marketing. Although it was recognized that the eNewsletter is an excellent marketing tool, the Education and Communication Subcommittee will assess current and alternative approaches to improve communication and marketing.

State, Other Initiatives, Groups, and Council Updates

Updates were provided regarding the Workforce Information Council (WIC) including: budget, WIA authorization, LMI Technology Review, Fed-State Wage Record Program, CES, QCEW estimates, OES and National Compensation Survey, WIN-WIN network, green jobs, and educational data systems.

Updates were also provided on the latest activities of the OES Policy Council, the EDS system, and the LAUS/MLS Policy Council.

An update was provided on the transfer of administration of the LMI Institute to the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER). The group has held and will be holding webinars and scheduled trainings. The LMI Forum in May 2010 will be a joint event with C2ER's annual conference.

In recognition of the need to provide more economic development data into the WID, the ARC group will explore incorporating more economic development data into the database structure or partnering with economic development groups for shared availability of information.

New ARC Website Prototype

A new ARC Website prototype was demonstrated. The new site is built using a content management system (CMS) and will incorporate Web 2.0 technologies. It was decided to install the prototype on a server whereby ARC members can test the site.

Application Development

The group is considering the development of new methods for delivering information from the WID to a wider customer base. Methods under consideration include mobile apps and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). A prototype of a mobile app was developed and shared with ETA.

It was agreed that the development of tools that facilitate the sharing of data across state boundaries is a priority issue. The previously shelved ADAM project was identified as a possible vehicle for reaching this goal. A meeting with WIC state representatives regarding the implementation of the ADAM project will be sought.

The group unanimously agreed to create an additional subcommittee (Information Delivery Subcommittee) charged with the development of prototype web applications that deliver information from the WID. The group will solicit interest in participation in the new subcommittee from the greater LMI community. An open source software collaboration platform is also under consideration. ARC leadership will explore collaboration possibilities with WIC, ETA, and BLS.

Structure Subcommittee Report

The subcommittee worked on the following issues:

- addition of the demographics table to Version 2.5;
- addition of a UI table for Version 2.5;

- clean up of issues related to recoding of preliminary flag;
- removal of benchmark field out of primary key (CES table);
- deprecation of redundant tables;
- decision to maintain the current relational database model versus undergoing a significant database model revision;
- decision to produce a draft of Version 3.0; and
- decision to initiate monthly teleconferences to discuss Structure Subcommittee issues.

The Structure Subcommittee recognized that they need to communicate with BLS regarding table structure changes so that BLS extracts for the WID can be revised.

Education and Communications Subcommittee Report

The Committee worked on the following issues:

- decision to further develop the new ARC website prototype;
- discussion of integration of social networking and Web 2.0 technologies with products and services;
- decision to tentatively hold a DBA training in April 2010. A subcommittee meeting prior to the training will be necessary for curriculum development;
- the subcommittee agreed that new trainers will need to be recruited since many previous trainers are no longer associated with ARC and LMI;
- developed a recommendation to hold a national ARC Seminar in 2011;and
- developed a recommendation to develop a Web 2.0 Technology Report for states that discusses strengths and weaknesses of latest technologies and how they could be applied to labor market information delivery.

National Crosswalk Service Center Update

Updates to the National Crosswalk Service Center include:

- development of WID resources regarding new classification systems such as 2010 CIP, O*NET 14.0: Visual FoxPro database, Department of Defense crosswalk: Visual FoxPro database;
- Wiki site enhancement with new links to lookup table content;
- 2008 IPEDS data formatted for WID tables schools, programs, progcomp, and supply;
- added content from 2008 American Community Survey; and
- updated military crosswalk and IPEDS updates for ACINet, IPEDS update for Career Voyages, military crosswalk for O*NET center

New developments will include:

- 2010 SOC final release of the new SOC including definitions;
- BLS will release the 2008-18 occupational projections on December 10, 2009;
- the Occupational Outlook Handbook will be released in the BLS Website on December 17, 2009; and
- the continued development of the NCSC Website to include features with links to and search of ARC Wiki contents.

The next ARC meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2010.