



**Analyst Resource Center Meeting  
April 26-29, 2010  
San Diego, California**

**Attendees:**

Bob Cottrell (NC)	Grant Westfall (WI)
Bill Stambaugh (NC)	Donna Burkett (IA)
Denise Lee (NC)	John Torres (NV)
Dana Placzek (CT)	Amy Gerring (MN)
Steve Rosenow (NCSC)	Steve Hine (MN)
Kim Hughes (NE)	Dan Brown (IA)
Barbara Ledvina (NCSC)	Steve Duthie (MT)
Gary Wilson (IA)	Phil Ellsworth (WY)
John Pierce (OR)	Gary Gipson (OR)
Todd Benson (CT)	

**Welcome, Introductions & Administrative Topics**

Analyst Resource Center Consortia Chair, Bob Cottrell welcomed all attendees, informed the group of meeting administration and led introductions. December meeting minutes were distributed for review. Consortium overview topics included ARC contract updates and funding, Current Topics, and subcommittee agendas.

**Analyst Resource Center Contracts and Funding**

The ETA funding of the ARC Consortium allows for support contracts for several key support areas that include the National Crosswalk Service Center, InfoGroup, and an independent contractor that supports ARC administration through information delivery of group activities, consistent communication and planning support. Current efforts include WID Database Administrator training that will be conducted in May 2010 and a conference/symposium tentatively slated to be held early 2011. With grant funding awarded, contracts with the National Crosswalk Service Center and InfoGroup (formerly InfoUSA) will be renewed and the administrative support position continued.

**Current Topics**

Green Grant Projects - The Green Grant consortium is seeking to utilize WID data to help support their project efforts. Subcommittees may discuss how WID may best aid in their efforts as well as identify areas of caution such as the employer database, which is bound by a separate contract and the use of that data must be reviewed carefully to ensure compliance with the master contract between Iowa and InfoGroup.

**Sub-committee Agenda overviews:**

1. Education and communication group will focus on training in Boise in May. Symposium is tentatively slated for early 2011. Location has not been determined yet.
2. Policy Subcommittee will review employer database contracts- most have been returned signed from states to Iowa.

3. The Information Delivery subcommittee will consist of John Pierce, Grant Westfall, and Steve Duthie for this first meeting. One area of focus for this group will be mobile applications and new technologies (data feeds, droid, widgets, twitters, etc) and no-cost solutions to information presentation that may benefit states.
4. The Structure subcommittee started monthly teleconferences since last meeting. This meeting will finalize version 2.5 with a goal to distribute by early May that includes 6 changes, a couple are still in discussion.

### **ETA Update**

ETA Update provided via teleconference with Samuel Wright. A primary focus for the ETA this year is getting people into green jobs. Job seekers can expect enhanced opportunities for work when the work is considered green. WID will be used to help get people into these markets as they are seen as the future of job growth. WID is considered necessary to accomplishing this goal but has the disadvantage of being the data backbone and is not readily visible to users. The ETA would like for all states to know what the ARC does and to promote the WID more fully, especially how it may support green initiatives. Work on the next program funding year for ARC has yet to begin.

### **ARC Update**

ARC Update provided by Bob Cottrell. The ARC is seeking more LMI Directors and upper management participation from states. General consensus is that many higher level managers may shy away from ARC due to the highly technical nature of the WID program. Feedback has shown that managers are impressed with the newsletters but also question why they support involvement in the ARC, the newsletters help this. ARC will formulate a plan to expand program outreach and education. Questions came from the WIC regarding the abandoned ADAM system and if it could be a viable solution to states if the ARC would be willing to complete the development and offer it to states at no cost. NOTE: The ADAM project was a prototype system that would allow states to host their own WID database but allow any user to view same data from multiple states simultaneously. The prototype offered sample webpage layouts to present the data to users. The underlying code of the ADAM system would require updating prior to distribution. A request to ETA has been sent for project funding to accomplish this and is pending.

### **National Crosswalk Service Center Update**

National projections 2008-2018 are now available. New data available for the OOHTRNTM table which matches projections to soccode.

Non-standard tables for population demographics will not yet be considered stable enough to be included in full WID structure, it has gone through four revisions and a final structure has yet to be agreed upon. When this non-standard table is made available and populated, it will offer population estimates for smaller areas than is currently available.

Licensed Occupation data was submitted to ACINet in March 2010. The Occupational codes submitted by states required updating to the new ONet codes. Copies of the changes were sent back to states for comments and changes.

Military crosswalk has been made available twice yearly in the past and is moving to a quarterly update.

2010 CIP and SOC updated codes will require extensive time to update associated crosswalk tables. Only the Department of Defense is currently utilizing 2010 structure. IPEDS may begin using the 2010 structure in the fall of 2010. OES and Projections will produce data based upon 2010 structure in following years.

## **WIC and NASWA Update**

WIC/NASWA update provided via teleconference with Roger Therrian (CT).

At the request of ETA, WIC is forming a study group to contact customers to see if LMI is meeting their needs. A customer consolidation has been an item of discussion as has been BLS efforts to share wage records between states. These efforts are currently on hold. Funds have been made available to K-12 programs and higher education agencies to focus on employment outcomes. States are forming partnerships with educational institutions to help track and report in this area.

WIC is forming a technology resource group. This is a carryover of the technology study they did last year. They want to improve the delivery of LMI workforce information. BLS and WIC members will be combined in this new group. Mike Harding and a yet to be identified BLS staff member will participate. States included in this group are CA OH VT MO.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Policy report given by Steve Hine (MN).** This subcommittee joined the Information Delivery subcommittee to discuss a sandbox project-the group will work with NCSC to develop a prototype website and MN will offer one of the first technology tools, Oregon will also contribute several to launch the site. Employer database the Policy subcommittee will start thinking about a new master contract that will be required in 3 more years. It is expected that Iowa will no longer handle the legal work related to the master contract in the future. InfoGroup desires a GSA (general services administration) that is a federal contract in place of the current contract process. ARC is not in favor of this because it will result in a loss of contract control for the content.

**Information Delivery report given by Steve Duthie (MT).** The committee brainstormed policy for this newer subcommittee. Focus on mobile applications, mapping applications, charting applications to begin offering technology tools to other states for free. To retain focus on the page for tools and tips it should have a 'featured' tool or tip that rotates similar to the featured state LMI websites on the ARC website. One direction is to have potential technological tool offering be submitted to NCSC before being added to the website to force some type of consistency of information that will be displayed about the tools. This subcommittee will continue to work outside of regular ARC meetings to get both the web pages built and the initial tools ready for distribution.

**Education and Communication subcommittee report provided by Denise Lee (NC).** The group rewrote the training manual to update it for the May training in Boise. Boise trainers will be Denise Lee, John Pierce, Bill Ellis, Barb Ledvina (facilitator), Steve Duthie and Steve Rosenow.

**Structure committee report given by Dana Placzek (CT).** The group determined version 2.5 will be released this year. Changes will include: prelim fields in ces and industry will be switched to match labforce. Iospecialid (green jobs table) will move from non-standard to structure. Empddb will remove the constraints on parentid and ulimateparentid. Benchmark field in labforce will lose its primary key status but field stays the same. Iomatrix is adding five fields to be able to store any fields that were in indprj and occprj. Soc2010 will have a new code type and a new table will be created for soc2000 which will keep code type 08. License table description (liscdesc field) discussion resulted in all varchar 4000 fields in WID will be changed to be varchar (max) so each db system can set the field to their own limit for that type of field. The Structure subcommittee will not deprecate tables in version 2.5 but will mention it in the release notes to give states warning of what is to come.