



Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC)

MEETING AGENDA

Janet Norwood Training and Conference Center, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20212

July 13-14, 2016

Meeting Objectives:

- Provide WIAC members with a basic understanding of the public workforce system, the nationwide and statewide labor market information (LMI) systems, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), and the role of WIAC in supporting these systems.
- Provide WIAC members with foundational understanding of Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the WIAC charter, the formal goals/deliverables of WIAC, and ETA/BLS expectations for the group.
- Hear from WIAC members about their interest in Labor Market Information (LMI) and workforce issues, motivation for being on the WIAC, and thoughts on what are the key issues.
- Identify three to five major LMI issues on which the WIAC should focus its efforts moving forward.

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

8:00–8:20 **Arrival & Check-in**

8:20–9:00 **Informal introductions**

9:00–10:15 **Solicitors Office Briefing**

- Representatives from the Department of Labor’s (DOL) Office of the Solicitor will review provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and explain ethical considerations regarding the operations of the Workforce Information Advisory Council.

10:15–10:30 **Break**

10:30–10:35 **Steve Rietzke, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for WIAC**

- Welcome

10:35-10:50 **Portia Wu, Assistant Secretary of Labor, ETA**

- Assistant Secretary Wu will discuss ETA’s vision for WIOA and the importance of effectively using good data in pursuing that vision, as well as ETA’s goals for WIAC and what we hope the Council will accomplish.

10:50-11:05 **Erica Groshen, Commissioner of Labor Statistics**

- Commissioner Groshen will discuss the role of BLS in the LMI system and what BLS is planning for the future that will affect local, State, and national LMI systems.

11:05-11:20 **Mike Horrigan, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, BLS**

- Mr. Horrigan will provide background and insights on the nationwide LMI system, and a national perspective on current and future LMI needs.



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11:20-11:30 Amanda Ahlstrand, Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, ETA

- Ms. Ahlstrand will provide background and insights on the public workforce system and its current and future needs for LMI in planning, decision-making, and operations.

11:30-11:45 Chris Lu, Deputy Secretary of Labor

- Deputy Secretary Lu will provide insights on the importance of transparent and participatory government, and how the WIAC will support the overarching mission of DOL.

11:45–1:00 pm Break for Lunch

1:00-2:30 WIAC member introductions

- WIAC chair introduction
- WIAC member introductions
 - Why did you volunteer to be a member of the WIAC?
 - How do you use LMI?
 - What are your key data sources?

2:30–2:45 Break

2:45–4:00 Roundtable session: Current Landscape of LMI Systems and Data Sources – Strengths and Weaknesses

- Overview of key data sources and systems
- State/local LMI systems
- State/local workforce development systems
- Identification of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats in terms of:
 - Data products
 - Integration/operations of national/state/local LMI and workforce development systems

4:00 pm Recess



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9:00–9:10 **Review of WIAC Charter and Requirements Specified in WIOA**

- Steve Rietzke

9:10–10:30 **Roundtable session (continued from previous day): Current Landscape of LMI Systems and Data Sources – Strengths and Weaknesses**

- Discuss innovative approaches, new technologies, and data to inform employment, skills training, and workforce and economic development decision making and policy

10:30–10:45 **Break**

10:45–11:00 **Remarks from ETA Deputy Assistant Secretary Byron Zuidema**

- Mr. Zuidema will discuss WIAC in the context of WIOA and opportunities for increased prominence and relevance of LMI in the workforce system and beyond.

11:00–noon **Roundtable session: Identifying key LMI categories to organize the work of WIAC**

- Data collection
- Data analysis
- Development of Tools & Products for the system
 - Tools to enable understanding of labor market dynamics
 - Tools to support provision of labor market and career information to job seekers
 - Tools to support economic development
- Others

Noon–1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30–2:00 **Open forum**

- Opportunity for members of the public to address the council

2:00–3:00 **Roundtable session: What are the Key Issues?**

- Identify lessons learned, key gaps/opportunities/etc.
- Finalize 3-5 key issue areas for WIAC to address moving forward

3:00–4:00 **Roundtable session: Next Steps**

- Discussion of WIAC deliverables
- Specify action items and sub-committees if necessary
- Determine dates for second WIAC meeting

4:00 **Concluding Remarks & Adjourn**