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Panel on Redesigning the BLS Consumer Expenditure Surveys
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First Meeting of the Panel on Redesigning the BLS Consumer Expenditure Surveys

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
The Keck Center of the National Academies
500 Fifth Street NW, Room 204
Washington, DC 20001

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 8, Room 204

OPEN SESSION (open to public); 10:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. **Official Charge to Committee**
- **Michael Horrigan**, *Office of Prices and Living Conditions, Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- 10:45 - 12:00 p.m. **Overview of Consumer Expenditure Surveys: Their Uses and General Design**

 Measurement Objectives of the CE
- **Jay Ryan**, *Division of Consumer Expenditure Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Uses of the CE Data
- **Rob Cage**, *Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

 Survey Design and Data Collection
- **Adam Safir**, *Division of Consumer Expenditure Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Working Lunch** (*third floor atrium—lunch tickets provided*)
- 1:00 - 2:00 **Continued: Overview of Consumer Expenditure Surveys: Their Uses and General Design**

 Sampling and Estimation
- **Dave Swanson**, *Division of Price Statistical Methods, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Dissemination and Data Users

- **Steve Henderson**, *Division of Consumer Expenditure Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2:00 - 2:35

Redesign Issues, Concerns, and Future Possibilities

Transition to Redesign

- **Don Dillman**, *Chair*

Measurement Error (most importantly under-reporting of expenditures and internal inconsistency with household income)

- **Adam Safir**, *Division of Consumer Expenditure Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2:35 - 3:00

BREAK (refreshments available in room 204)

3:00 - 5:00

Continued: Redesign Issues, Concerns, and Future Possibilities

Measurement Error Continued (CE vs. Personal Consumption Expenditures Comparisons)

- **Thesia Garner**, *Division of Price and Index Number Research, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Ideas for Change: New Designs and Data Collection Technologies

- **Adam Safir**, *Division of Consumer Expenditure Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Administrative Sources of Expenditure Data

- **Carol House**, *Discussion Leader*

5:00 - 5:30

Public Input and Open Discussion of the Focus of the Committee

- **Don Dillman**, *Chair*

5:30 p.m.

Adjournment of Public Session