# What’s up with BLS?

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# From upheaval comes opportunity

Commissioner Isador Lubin

- BLS has confronted equal challenges to its mission in the past, and come out more capable than it was before

# Non-pandemic updates

- Welcome to our newest Associate Commissioners
- New developments in JOLTS and prices programs, as well as many others
- BLS remains operating under a continuing resolution until December 11, 2020

# Our response to the pandemic

- BLS always prepares for exogenous events
- Telework preparations have been maintained and improved for over 10 years
- BLS successfully responded to the many challenges we faced at the beginning of the pandemic

# A new day

- The pandemic highlighted the importance of speed and nimbleness in our work
- These past few months have provided a “natural experiment”
- It is important to reflect on the how, when, what, and why questions

# Lessons from the pandemic so far

How we work?

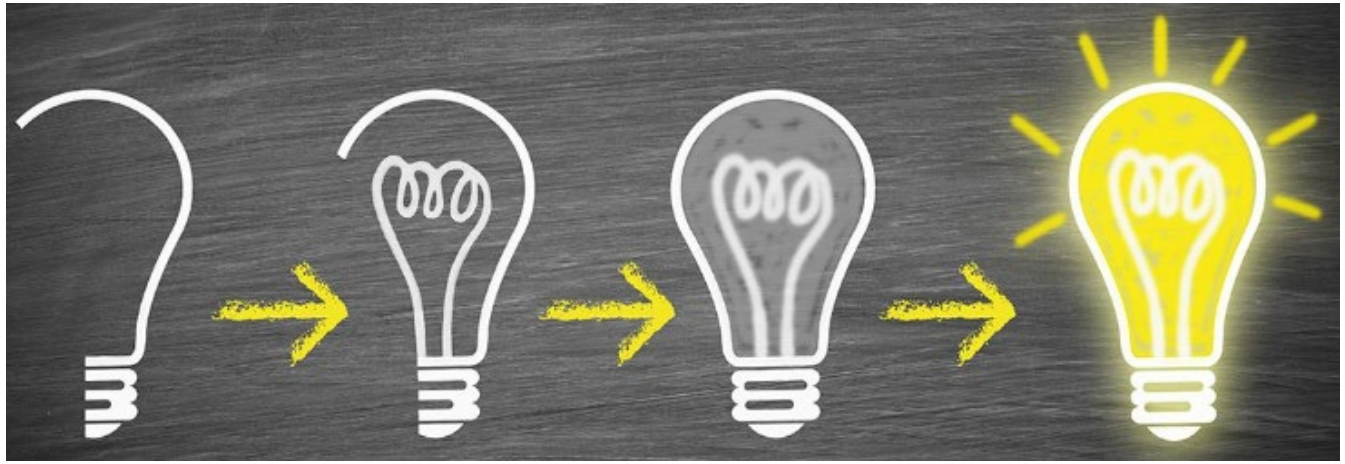
- Continuing telework and building resilient and flexible systems at the BLS

When or how often we need to produce?

- The rate of labor market shifts are accelerating and our frequency needs to grow with it

What resources should be added?

- Public-private partnerships and improved communication between the BLS and outside statistical groups



# The path ahead

What are we trying to achieve and why?

- Is BLS going to do the work of high frequency data independently?
- Is BLS going to blend its own resources with other's high frequency data to create better products for both?
- What products or needs are we leaving unfulfilled for you, our users?

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