Consumer Expenditure Survey Data Users’ Needs Forum
June 21-22, 2010
BLS Conference Center

Monday, June 21 — Meeting Government Data Needs

8:30-9:00  Registration

9:00-9:10 am  Welcome & Introductions
Steven Henderson
Chair, Data Users’ Needs Forum Team
Keith Hall
Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics

9:10-9:40  User Needs in the CE Redesign
Michael Horrigan
Associate Commissioner, Office of Prices and Living Conditions
Jay Ryan
Chief, Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys

9:40-10:10 am  CPI Needs
William Casey
Economist, Index Cost Weights and Special Projects Section, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes

10:10-10:30  Questions for BLS presenters

10:30-10:45 am  Break

10:45-12:00 pm  Aggregate Statistics
Chair: Bill Passero, Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys
Cathy A. Cowan
Economist, Office of the Actuary/National Health Statistics Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Arnold J. Katz
Economist, National Economic Accounts Research Group, Bureau of Economic Analysis
Wu-Lang Lee
Economist, Research, Analysis, and Statistics, Internal Revenue Service
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Monday, June 21 (continued)

12:00-1:15 pm  Lunch (on your own)

1:15-2:15 pm  Detailed Data Needs I
Chair: Laura Paszkiewicz, Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys
Mark Lino
Economist, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA
Kathleen S. Short
Economist, Bureau of the Census
Carol Adaire Jones
Senior Economist, Economic Research Service, USDA
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2:15-2:30 pm  Break

2:30-3:45 pm  Detailed Data Needs II
Chair: Rob McClelland, Chief, Division of Price and Index Number Research
Ed Harris
Analyst, Tax Analysis Division, Congressional Budget Office
Phillip Anthony
Research Analyst, Division of Tax Research, Minnesota Department of Revenue
Kenneth Hanson
Senior Economist, Economic Research Service, USDA
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3:45-4:00 pm  Meeting Government Data Needs
Jesse Rothstein
Chief Economist, Department of Labor

4:00-5:00 pm  Information Sharing Reception
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Tuesday, June 22 — Macroeconomic Statistics, Economic Well-Being, and Analysis of Consumer Behavior

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:15 am Welcome to Day 2
Jay Ryan
Chief, Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys

9:15-10:45 am Macroeconomic Statistics
Chair: Barry Bosworth, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution
Christopher D. Carroll
John Hopkins University
Thomas Crossley
University of Cambridge
John Sabelhaus
University of Maryland
Mark Bils
University of Rochester
Time for Questions & Answers

10:45-11:00 am Break

11:00-12:00 pm Economic Well-being
Chair: Thesia Garner, Division of Price and Index Number Research
Jared Bernstein
Chief Economist and Economic Policy Adviser to the Vice President
Geng Li
Economist, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board
Time for Questions & Answers

12:00-1:15 pm Lunch (on your own)
Tuesday, June 22 (continued)

1:15-2:15 pm  **Analysis of Consumer Behavior**  
*Chair: Geoffrey Paulin, Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys*

Bruce Meyer  
Northwestern University

Janet Wagner  
Director, Center for Excellence in Service, University of Maryland

Sherman Hanna  
Consumer Sciences Department, Ohio State University

*Time for Questions & Answers*

2:15-2:30 pm  **Break**

2:30-3:30 pm  **Panel Discussion**  
*Moderator: Jay Ryan, Chief, Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys*

Brent Moulton  
Associate Director, National Economic Accounts, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Laura Wheaton  
Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute

John Eltinge  
Associate Commissioner, Office of Survey Methods Research, Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Time for Questions & Answers*

3:30-3:45 pm  **Closing Remarks**

Michael Horrigan  
Associate Commissioner, Office of Prices and Living Conditions