## **Consumer Expenditure Survey CNSTAT Panel Briefing**

## **Ideas for Change: New Designs**& Data Collection Technologies

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## **New Design Possibilities**

- Individual diaries
- Mixed-mode
- One instrument, diary or interview
- One sample, multiple instruments
- Online interview
- Semi-structured interview
- Split questionnaire methods
- Supplemental use of administrative data



## **New Data Collection Technologies**

- New modes
  - e.g., online diary interviews
- New interviewing platforms
  - e.g., PDAs, smart phones, tablets
- New data capture devices
  - e.g., financial software, receipt scanners

