

## **2021 LED Workshop - April 30, 2021**

### **Feedback Session**

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Keith Bailey: At this time it is my pleasure to welcome back Jeff Drake, Labor Market Information Director for the state of Missouri and Cochair of the LED Steering Committee. We are very interested in hearing your thoughts, suggestions, concerns, et cetera, about the LED partnership and the LEHD suite of data.

When I say that we want to hear your concerns as Jeff and I have spoken repeatedly it's great to hear that this is good information and it's good to hear the accolades but we want you to be critical, we want to hear what is missing, what's not here, what's problematic. It's only through that that we can grow as a program and to attempt to fulfill your needs.

So we want to devote the remaining time which we have about 15 minutes to hearing from you, partners, consumers, collaborators et al. You are encouraged to share your thoughts in the chat and we will also open the phone lines as time permits if we don't have a lot of chat we'll open the phone lines. So operator please remind attendees how to access the phone queue.

Coordinator: Absolutely if you would like to ask a question please press Star 1 at any time and record your name so you can be introduced, thank you.

Keith: Thank you and Earlene if you could monitor the chat. Maybe until that time Jeff from an LMI perspective putting you on the spot here, what might be on some of your wish lists? I know you're a little closer to the LEHD than some.

Jeff Drake: I...

Keith: Hang on Jeff I'm sorry, I want to pay attention to the chat, we had a chat come in. Earlene could you share the chat please. I'm sorry that's PSEO data but let's go ahead and answer that. Go ahead and answer that.

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Earlene Dowell: Okay for the PSEO data can we get the cross ahead information across for example gender and industry and states?

Keith: Erika if you're still on the phone can you just answer that quickly.

Erika McEntarfer: I'm sorry can you repeat the question.

Earlene: Sure, for the PSEO data can we get the cross-tabbed information across for example gender and industry and states?

Erika: So we have occupation by states. We have gender by - I'm trying to remember all of the detailed cross tabs. I don't believe we crossed gender with occupation but I could be misremembering. So I should explain we couldn't do every potential cross tabulation. We did a lot of them because we ran out of what's called informal privacy protection, we ran out of our privacy budget.

So you can only release so many tables from a even a massive microdata set which this is like over 600,000 veterans, before you start risking potential exposure, privacy exposure of that information. So that's why not absolutely every cross tab. We tried to release the most high value cross tabs we thought would be interesting.

Keith: Thank you Earlene if I could take advantage here I'll just look at one more chat here. I do want to address Curtis' question. Curtis Askew has said, is the veterans data available in raw format?

We pride ourselves within LEHD of providing the data in a myriad of different formats depending on your particular level of sophistication and your exposure to the data. So I encourage you to visit the LEHD Web site, look for

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the Veterans Employment Outcomes experimental data series. And we have the capability of downloading files. When you say raw data it's not going to be microdata but it's going to be the replication of the publicly available data.

So I know there's some other questions that came in but out of respect for Jeff's time and our focus on this session we'd like to see what ideas you have for what's missing in the data. Certainly teleworkers, there's a comment in the chat about teleworkers. We are looking at other aspects of employed including individuals that are not working at a physical location that does provide opportunities for us to look at that.

So Jeff if we can return to you and then thank you for your patience. From an LMI perspective what would be on your wish list? And I promised to not focus on the chat so much.

Jeff Drake:

I have to remember to unmute myself and go from there. For me what's most exciting and I would like to try to send out a wish list to the surrounding states around Missouri and the likes like that, I'm really kind of excited about the PSEO. We're newcomers to the program. I've always found that when we enter into agreements with the Census, i.e. the LED program and the likes like that, we always get back far more than the effort that we expend in creating and sending the data back to you.

What we get back comes back tenfold and we really, really enjoy that. And I'm looking forward to PSEO. I realize the limitations Erika's presentation that she had, you know, Texas is the tail that's wagging the rest of the dog when it comes to the Midwest right here and I would like to see a lot more states get involved with this one.

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I think with more extensive showing of the data and the capabilities of I was pleased when I saw that and I'm sorry I don't have her name in - excuse me, Dr. Williams this morning from Louisiana Board of Regents right there, with them getting involved with it as well. As was very pleased to see that this - we're getting a groundswell for this new program right here and I'm just as I say we will hopefully have a file presented to you folks very shortly regarding Missouri's totals and that's where I'm looking forward to.

We recently migrated to a new department in our state government structure and we are now the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development. And the two dovetail together very nicely. And with that this PSEO data I do believe will help us not only better focus efforts to - there was I do believe there was one presentation this morning I'm sorry I don't have it readily available but showing the good programs versus bad programs when it comes to degree programs.

It's interesting to get discussions like that going because nobody wants to spend four, five, six years in college and then, you know, just have a service industry job. If you're going to put that type of investment in your time, you know, you hope it to be good and data like this can help folks make a better decision.

Keith: Thank you Jeff I always appreciate hearing that from our partners and I especially enjoyed hearing it from you since you have such a casual of way of saying I want, I want, I want. But there's also a benefit. Do we have anyone on the phone with a comment or contribution?

Coordinator: And currently there are no - sorry currently there's no questions in queue.

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Keith: Thank you very much. Again I keep going back to this kind of same mantra of in my former life as an LMI director and Erika and others mentioned this more than once, the absence of occupational data is very known to us. And the LMI community struggles with those questions a lot in the sense that there is occupational data but it is either survey based and there are concerns about that.

There's a new wave of both technologies and partners that are looking and scraping information on job postings and the like in order to try to come up with a decent estimates of what the occupational composition of the workforce does look like.

At LEHD we are constantly on the lookout for what types of other data we may be able to use and I pride myself in looking at the LEHD research team. And we have a phenomenal economist and many of them have specializations in certain area whether it's formally incarcerated individuals, whether it's looking at, you know, individuals that meet one characteristic or another.

And I think the question about disabled individuals was a great topic to explore further. One can view that as, you know, it could be a characteristic of an individual but it also mean there are many programs that are funded that looks specifically at enabling and sifting individuals with disabilities. The military is also included with that. So I think there's a lot of good ideas that have been presented in the workshop today.

I want to take an opportunity just to check again with the operator, don't want to miss any opportunities to have someone connect on the phone so operator any questions coming in or suggestions on the phone?

Coordinator: Thank you and currently there are still no questions in queue.

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Keith: Okay Jeff do you wish to offer any closing thoughts? Looks like we have an opportunity to close up shop just a few minutes early here. I do have some closing remarks to share but Jeff I want to give you an opportunity as my co-chair and colleague.

Jeff: No actually I've been very pleased with the presentations today. And with that I would like to send out my thanks to you and your group in pulling off a logistical nightmare and making it look easy. Kudos to everybody involved, thank you very much. There's been a lot of information that's been provided today and with that hopefully we can continue this partnership in a most successful manner, thank you sir.

Keith Bailey: Thank you Jeff.