

2026 LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS PARTNERSHIP HYBRID WORKSHOP

MAY 12-13, 2026

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

We invite you to submit a proposal to present virtually at the 2026 Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership Hybrid Workshop. This year's theme is "*Numbers to Narratives: Data for Better Decisions.*" Workshop plenary sessions will highlight the work of our state Labor Market Information (LMI) partners and other data users.

The LED Partnership is a collaboration between state data agencies and the U.S. Census Bureau to leverage existing data in the development of new sources of economic and demographic information. The workshop provides insights into these data products along with professional development and networking opportunities for Labor Market Information directors, data users, and data analysts and data providers at state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses.

The focus of presentations at the workshop is useful applications of data products made possible through the LED State/Federal partnership: Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI), Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Origin-Destination Employee Statistics (LODES), OnTheMap and OnTheMap for Emergency Management, Job-to-Job Flows (J2J), Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO), and Veteran Employment Outcomes (VEO).

Presentations selected for the workshop will be featured in plenary panels during this popular learning event. Topics could be from a wide variety of disciplines, including, but not limited to: workforce development, economic development, transportation planning, economic analysis, and emergency management. We are particularly interested in examples from our state partners and strongly encourage LMI shops to apply.

Submission Deadline: February 18, 2026

ONLINE SUBMISSION:

All presentations must be submitted via email to ces.local.employment.dynamics@census.gov and earlene.kp.dowell@census.gov. Please provide the following information:

- Your name and contact information
- Brief bio
- Proposed title
- Brief abstract of the presentation (3 sentences/50-60 words)
- 200-300 word description of the presentation

Proposals must include all requested information and must be received by the deadline. You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of your submission.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The LED Partnership seeks presentations that reflect:

- Case studies, innovations, and best practices using LED data
- Integration of LED data with other sources
- LED-based programs and initiatives that demonstrate measurable impact and results
- Outstanding success stories

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

- Relevance
- Informing decision-making and/or problem solving
- Usefulness to other data users
- Presentations *must feature* the use of Local Employment Dynamics data, alone or in combination with other data sources.

NOTIFICATION:

Submitters will be notified of selection status via e-mail by **March 11, 2026**. Once selected, presenters must confirm their ability to present NO LATER than **March 20, 2026**.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

1. Visual representations (PowerPoint, maps, graphs, data visualization) and online demonstrations are strongly encouraged.
2. Presentations may be posted to the LED Partnership website and used in promotional materials.
3. The LED Partnership reserves the right to edit all submitted presentations for publication on the web site and in the Workshop program.
4. The Workshop Program Team will determine the times for the presentation panel.
5. Presentations should be approximately 15 minutes in duration, with an additional 10 minutes for questions and answers; a discussant will moderate and encourage discussion of potential/similar uses of the LED data in the selected presentations.