

Workforce Information Advisory Council

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Comments to the WIAC

■ BLS Commissioner Nominee

▶ William Beach

- Vice President for Policy Research at George Mason University's Mercatus Center
- Chief Economist Senate Budget Committee 2013-2016
- Director, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis

■ BLS Budget update

- ▶ FY 2017 Appropriation
- ▶ FY 2018 President's request



Comments to the WIAC

- Recent BLS Fed/state accomplishments
 - ▶ QCEW conversion to NAICS 2017 with the release on Sep 6, 2017 of data for first quarter 2017
 - ▶ OES publication of May 2016 estimates in March 2017
 - ▶ Release of 2016-2026 employment projections on Oct 24, 2017
 - ▶ JOLTS release of experimental firm-based size class estimates in Sep 2017



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- Other Significant recent BLS accomplishments
 - ▶ American Time Use Survey published 2016 time use data in August 2017 and data on unpaid eldercare covering 2015-2016 in September 2017.
 - ▶ Completion of Cognitive research on the feasibility of collecting data on the incidence, intensity and costs of formal and informal employer provided training
 - ▶ Fielding of the May 2017 Contingent Worker Survey (results in the Spring 2018)

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- BLS-LMI Oversight Council (BLOC)
 - ▶ In-demand jobs
 - ▶ Budget allocation
 - ▶ Wage record pilot
 - ▶ Vision



BLOC and Policy Council Projects*

Vision area	Number of projects
Achieve and maintain high data quality	14
Improve Fed/state coordination and communications	4
Close high priority data gaps	7
Leverage opportunities for new products	9
Conduct high quality research	5
Provide high quality data driven resource management	6
Provide high quality program oversight	4
Total	49
* Projects drawn from current year activities and 2 and 5 year strategic plans of the BLOC and Policy Councils.	

Significant BLS/Policy Council Projects

- QCEW
 - ▶ Acceleration test
 - ▶ Quick Business Survey
- CES-State and area
 - ▶ Concurrent seasonal adjustment
 - ▶ Review of publication criteria
- QCEW / CES-SA (BLS project)
 - ▶ Benchmarking research
 - ▶ 5 Monthly Labor Review articles



Significant BLS/Policy Council Projects

■ LAUS

- ▶ LAUS methodology and model enhancements
- ▶ Explainability of estimates

■ OES

- ▶ New OES estimation methodology
- ▶ SOC implementation
- ▶ Autocoding
- ▶ IT case assignment and management system
- ▶ Response rates

Significant BLS/Policy Council Projects

■ Projections Partnership

- ▶ Implementing new separations rate methodology
- ▶ Annual BLS projections
- ▶ 2, 5, and 10 year projections
- ▶ Continuous updating of the Occupational Outlook Handbook
- ▶ BLS/ETA video partnership
- ▶ BLS videos

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