METADATA AND NICS: Joys, Sorrows and Payoffs

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
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AGENDA

Continental Breakfast – 8:15 – 9:00

9:00 – 9:15 AM   Welcome and Introduction – Andrew Reamer, Urban Markets Initiative,
The Brookings Institution

9:15 – 10:15 AM   Statistical Metadata for NICS – Cynthia Taeuber, University of Baltimore
- What are statistical metadata? (a primer)
- What metadata set is ideal for NICS? What set is essential?

10:15 – 10:30 AM   Break

10:30 – 12:30 AM   Approaches to Meeting Statistical Metadata Needs – Moderator, Cynthia
Taeuber, University of Baltimore
- Statistical Metadata Resources for NICS – Laura Smith, Urban
Markets Initiative, The Brookings Institution
- Principles of Census Bureau Metadata Standards – Alan Tupek,
Census Bureau Methodology and Standards Council
- Effective Metadata Practices for a Community Statistical System
–Claudia Coulton, Center on Urban Poverty and Social Change,
Case Western Reserve University
- Metadata Integration: Activities, Barriers, and Challenges – Sheila
Denn, School of Information and Library Science, University of North
Carolina
- Emerging Metadata Tools and Resources – Brand Niemann, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency and Federal CIO Council

12:30 – 2:30 PM   Working with Metadata (concurrent sessions, working lunch)

A. Creating Metadata for Your Data Sets – David Stevens, University of
Baltimore and Claudia Coulton, Case Western Reserve University
- How can primary data owners take advantage of current
technology to create useful metadata?
- What should NICS do to facilitate metadata preparation?

B. Using Metadata from Currently Available Datasets – Roderick
Harrison, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and Sheila
Denn, University of North Carolina
- How can secondary data users best make use of available
metadata?
- What are the barriers to the use of metadata for existing data
sets?
- What role should NICS play in setting metadata standards?
- What resources can NICS provide to facilitate effective use
of metadata from existing data sets?

2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Session Reports – Session Facilitators
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Wrap-up – Andrew Reamer, The Brookings Institution