

METADATA AND NICS: Joys, Sorrows and Payoffs

8:45 AM – 3:30 PM
Wednesday, November 2, 2005
The Brookings Institution
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AGENDA

Continental Breakfast – 8:00 – 8:45

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| 8:45 – 9:00 AM | Welcome and Introduction – Andrew Reamer, Urban Markets Initiative, The Brookings Institution |
| 9:00 – 10:00 AM | <p>Statistical Metadata for NICS (Part I) – Cynthia Taeuber, University of Baltimore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are statistical metadata? (a primer) • What metadata set is ideal for NICS? What set is essential? |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Break |
| 10:15 – 11:15 AM | <p>Statistical Metadata for NICS (Part II) – Cynthia Taeuber, University of Baltimore, and Laura Smith, Urban Markets Initiative, The Brookings Institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What metadata resources are or soon will be available to assist NICS participants in creating metadata? • In light of these available resources, what are the next steps for NICS? |
| 11:15 – 12:30 PM | <p>Approaches to Meeting Statistical Metadata Needs – Moderator, Cynthia Taeuber, University of Baltimore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Census Bureau Metadata Standards – Alan Tupek, Census Bureau Methodology and Standards Council • Metadata Integration: Activities, Barriers, and Challenges – Sheila Denn, School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina • Effective Metadata Practices for a Community Statistical System – Claudia Coulton, Center on Urban Poverty and Social Change, Case Western Reserve University • Emerging Metadata Tools and Resources – Brand Niemann, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Federal CIO Council |
| 12:30 – 2:30 PM | <p>Working with Metadata (concurrent sessions, working lunch)</p> <p>A. Creating Metadata for Your Data Sets – David Stevens, University of Baltimore and Claudia Coulton, Case Western Reserve University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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Session Reports – Session Facilitators

3:15 – 3:30 PM

Wrap-up – Andrew Reamer, The Brookings Institution