

**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*

- 8:45 – 9:00 AM Welcome and Introduction – Andrew Reamer, Urban Markets Initiative, The Brookings Institution
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM Statistical Metadata for NICS (Part I) – Cynthia Taeuber, University of Baltimore
- 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 Statistical Metadata for NICS (Part II) – Cynthia Taeuber, University of Baltimore, and Laura Smith, Urban Markets Initiative, The Brookings Institution
- 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 Approaches to Meeting Statistical Metadata Needs – Moderator, Cynthia Taeuber, University of Baltimore
- 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 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

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Session Reports – Session Facilitators

3:15 – 3:30 PM

Wrap-up – Andrew Reamer, The Brookings Institution