

# WIAC Webinar for C2er January 26, 2021

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# WORKFORCE INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION

Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), Congress directs the Secretary of Labor to oversee development of a workforce and labor market information system (WLMIS) that enables state and local labor market participants—including employers, students, workers, workforce investment boards, and education and training agencies and institutions—to make informed decisions.<sup>1</sup> The law directs the Secretary to develop the WLMIS:

- through the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA);
- in collaboration with states;
- in cooperation with the heads of other federal agencies to ensure complementarity and nonduplication; and
- **in consultation with the 14-member Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC) appointed by the Secretary.**

In fulfillment of Secretary of Labor's directive to the WIAC to provide him with "written recommendations . . . concerning the evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system,"

# WORKFORCE INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- 1:** Enhance Unemployment Insurance (UI) Wage Records
- 2:** Expand Information on Occupations, Skills, and Credentials
- 3:** Develop & Disseminate a K-12 Career Awareness Educational Framework
- 4:** Develop Information on the Changing Nature of Work
- 5:** Increase Support for State and Local Information in the WLMi System
- 6:** Overcome Barriers to Data Sharing
- 7:** Improve Consistency and Availability of Program Evaluation Data
- 8:** Create a 21st Century WLMi System Using Advanced Technologies
- 9:** Initiate Collaboration Among WLMi System Agencies

# POTENTIAL FUTURE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Skills Clustering
- COVID Impacts and Issues
- Determining demand/decline occupations in a rapidly-changing and hard to predict labor market.
- Encourage Census Bureau to add non-degree credential attainment categories (e.g., certificates, industry-recognized certifications, licenses) to ACS.
- Continued investment in the expansion of the number and capabilities of state longitudinal data systems as well as cross-state collaborations.

# EXPEDITED SUBCOMMITTEES

- Enhanced UI wage records
- Changing nature of work (not just BLS surveys- contingent, telework/remote work/Covid, adoption of new technologies)
- Funding for state/local WLMI capacity