2011 Consumer Expenditure Surveys (CE) Microdata Users' Workshop Schedule

Individual Meetings with CE staff members can be scheduled throughout the workshop

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

8:30-9:00 a.m. | **Registration/Coffee** | Central Reception Area

9:00-9:15 a.m. | **Welcome and Logistics** | Conference Room 1
Welcome – *Steve Henderson*
Logistics – *Veri Crain*

9:15-9:45 a.m. | **Overview of the CE Survey** – *William Hawk*

9:45-10:30 a.m. | **Introduction to Microdata**
Microdata Basics – *Bill Passero*
Imputation and Allocation – *Bill Passero*
Topcoding **–** *Craig Kreisler*

10:30-10:45 a.m. | **Morning Break**

10:45-11:45 a.m. | **Kara Markley & Karen Ransom,** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern Information Offices, *"Making Sense of the CE Microdata: Experiences of Two First-Time Users";* Interview Survey

Tian Luo, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Western Information Office, *"Higher Educational Expenditures by Race";* Interview Survey

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | **Lunch (on your own)**

1:00-2:00 p.m. | **Jonathan Fisher**, Census Bureau, *"Household Adjustments to Gasoline Price Changes";* Interview and Diary Surveys

Jeff Lundy, University of California, San Diego, *"Measuring Annual Change in Household Wealth with the CE Survey";* Interview Survey

2:00-3:15 p.m. | **Practical Training Session 1*** – *Laura Paszkiewicz & Craig Kreisler*
Topics: Brief overview of microdata files, summary variables, stub parameter files; unweighted collection year estimates with Interview FMLY & MEMB files and Diary FMLY & EXPN files

3:15-3:30 p.m. | **Afternoon Break**

3:30-4:30 p.m. | **Practical Training Session 2*** – *Laura Paszkiewicz & Craig Kreisler*
Topics: Weighting expenditures to population for Interview & Diary; weighted collection year estimates for items estimated in Session 1

Thursday, July 28, 2011

8:30-9:00 a.m.	**Registration/Coffee**	Central Reception Area

9:00-10:15 a.m.   **Sampling Methods and Derivation of Sampling**   Conference Room 1
         Weights *– Catherine Hackett,* Statistical Methods Division
     Imputation & Allocation of CE Microdata *– Troy Olson*
     Common Questions: Calendar vs. Collection *– Bill Passero*

10:15-10:30 a.m.   **Morning Break**

10:30-11:30 a.m.   **Practical Training Session 3*** *– Laura Paszkiewicz & Craig Kreisler*
         Topics: Adjusting data to cover a calendar year; weighted
         calendar year estimates with Interview FMLY, MTAB, & EXPN files

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.   **Lunch (on your own)**

1:00-2:15 p.m.   **Jeff Lundy**, University of California, San Diego, *"Accessing Confidential CE Microdata: The BLS Onsite Researcher Program."*

         Adam Bee, University of Notre Dame, *"The Effect of Car Ownership on Employment: Evidence from State Insurance Rate Regulation";* Interview Survey

         Megumi Omori, Bloomsburg University, *"What to Buy, When to Buy, and How Much to Spend?: Gift Purchasing Between Black Friday and Christmas Eve in 2009";* Diary Survey

2:15-3:15 p.m.   **Practical Training Session 4*** *– Bill Passero*
         Topics: Creating data sets by merging FMLY, MEMB, & EXPN files;
         manipulating merged data sets to produce statistical measures

3:15-3:30 p.m.   **Afternoon Break**

3:30-4:00 p.m.   **Special Presentation**
         How to publish your CE research in the *Monthly Labor Review*
         – Terry Schau (Managing Editor) & Brian Baker (Technical Writer-Editor)

         Discussion on Redesign Options for the CE   Conference Room 4
         Concurrent session --The panel for the Committee on National Statistics contracted to make recommendations for the CE redesign will consult with expert users to understand how researchers use the data and to hear ideas on how the CE data could be improved.

4:00-4:30 p.m.   **Sneak Peek/Q&A** *– Steve Henderson*

4:30 p.m. - End   **Information Sharing Group Session**   Central Reception Area

Friday, July 29, 2011

<u>8:30-9:00 a.m.</u>	**Registration/Coffee**	Large Pantry

Conference Room 2

<u>9:00-10:30 a.m.</u> **Four Interviews vs. Individual Interviews** *– Bill Passero & Jonathan Fisher*
Data Adjustment – Sales Taxes *– Neil Tseng*
Imputed Income – Imputes *– Geoffrey Paulin*
Variance Estimation – The BRR Method *– Geoffrey Paulin*
Introduction to Paradata *– Laura Paszkiewicz*

<u>10:30-10:45 a.m.</u> **Morning Break**

<u>10:45-11:45 a.m.</u> **Practical Training Session 5*** *– Bill Passero & Geoffrey Paulin*
Topics: Overview of population weights; instructions on use of "macro" program on CD for producing proper standard errors for means and regression parameters when analyzing unweighted data, population-weighted data, multiply imputed income data, or population-weighted, multiply imputed income data

<u>11:45-1:00 p.m.</u> **Lunch (on your own)**

<u>1:00-2:30 p.m.</u> **Brian Melzer**, Northwestern University, *"Effects of Mortgage Debt Overhang on Housing Investment";* Interview Survey

Sayeh Nikpay, University of Michigan, *"Seasonality of Medical Expenditures and Flexible Spending Accounts";* Interview Survey

Anthony Damico, the Kaiser Family Foundation, *"Health Care Spending by Medicare Recipients: How to Analyze CE Data by Expenditure Category for Any Population Group of Interest";* Interview Survey

<u>2:30-2:45 p.m.</u> **Feedback**

<u>2:45-3:00 p.m.</u> **Afternoon Break**

<u>3:00 p.m. - End</u> **Practical Training (Special Topics)** *– Geoffrey Paulin, Laura Paszkiewicz, Craig Kreisler, & Bill Passero*

*Topics in Practical Training 1-5 will be covered sequentially. Depending on the progress of each session, topics may be carried over to later sessions.