

CNSTAT Public Seminar

Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical System: A Timeless Resource

Monday, December 9, 2025

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. EST

Lecture Room, NAS Building,
2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. (and virtually)

- 3:30 **Welcome**
Melissa Chiu, Director, CNSTAT
- 3:35 **Presentation**
Katharine Abraham, University of Maryland, College Park, and Chair, CNSTAT
- 3:45 **Panel Discussion**
Nick Hart, Data Foundation
Kevin Corinth, American Enterprise Institute
Katharine Abraham, University of Maryland and CNSTAT Chair
- 4:25 **Q&A**
Moderator: Melissa Chiu, Director, CNSTAT
- 4:45 **Light Refreshments**
- 5:30 **Adjourn**

Abstract

Since 1992, [*Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency*](#) has supported the essential role of relevant, credible, trusted, impartial, and innovative government statistics to inform decisions by policymakers, businesses, families, and the general public. The report describes the characteristics of effective federal statistical agencies, with an updated edition released at the start of each presidential term.

This seminar will provide an overview of the 8th Edition of the report and engage a panel to discuss the importance of the principles and practices in every administration.