COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL STATISTICS

Towards a Vision for a New Data Infrastructure for Federal Statistics and Social and Economic Research in the 21st Century

Workshop 1: Scope, Components and Key Characteristics of a 21st Century Data Infrastructure

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Why the U.S. Needs a New National Data Infrastructure

- Survey-centric paradigm no longer sustainable
- Statistical system and researchers seek more administrative data
- Explosion of digitized private sector data

Yet

 Much learning needed for blending private sector and government data

This Workshop

• Ingredients of the future

The Changing Data Access and Use Landscape

- 2017 Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking
- 2018 Evidence Act and subsequent OMB guidance
- Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building (ACDEB)

The Changing Data Access and Use Landscape

Yet there is no current plan to consider private data as essential components of the new national data infrastructure

CNSTAT Assumptions re a New National Data Infrastructure

- ACDEB will build on their Year 1 Report
- National Secure Data Service will be established
- The Federal statistical system will be enriched by federal, state and local government data
- Researchers will have enhanced access to those data
- CNSTAT vision is complementary and supplementary to the efforts of the ACDEB

CNSTAT Assumptions re a New National Data Infrastructure

We envision a national data infrastructure that adds private sector data for statistical and research uses

CNSTAT Focus on the New National Data Infrastructure

- Focus on strengthening capacity of the federal statistical system and research communities, less so on evaluation uses
- Assist envisioning system transformation from survey-centric to blended data sets
- Focus on incentives to business-to-government data sharing for statistical purposes

CNSTAT Focus on the New National Data Infrastructure

- CNSTAT is deeply aware of the legal, cultural, and regulatory impediments to such a vision
- The panel seeks to create a cohesive vision
- The panel seeks to enumerate the challenges to attain the vision

CNSTAT Workshops' Overview

- Workshop 1: Scope, Components and Key Characteristics of a 21st Century Data Infrastructure (December, 2021)
- Workshop 2: The Implications of Using Multiple Data Sources for Major Survey Programs (Spring 2022)
- Workshop 3 The Technology, Tools, and Capabilities Needed for Data Sharing, Use, and Analysis (Fall 2022)