



Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics

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**QUARTERLY MEETING
DECEMBER 7TH, 2018 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

(Coffee and light refreshments available at 8:30 am)

**BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONFERENCE CENTER
2 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NE, WASHINGTON, DC**

AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Board Nominations from the Board of Directors – **Linda Jacobsen**, Chair COPAFS Board of Directors
- 9:15 – 10:15 Update on the Federal Statistical System – **Nancy Potok**, Chief Statistician of the United States, Office of Management and Budget.
- 10:15 – 11:30 Panel Discussion: OMB Proposal to move BLS to Department of Commerce
Moderator: John Haltiwanger, Economics Department, University of Maryland
- **Katharine Abraham**, University of Maryland, former BLS Commissioner,
 - **Robert M. Groves**, Georgetown University, former Director U.S. Census Bureau,
 - **Maurine Haver**, Haver Analytics,
 - **Steve Hine**, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development,
 - **Brent Moulton**, former Associate Director for National Economic Accounts, Bureau of Economic Analysis
- 11:30 - 12:30 Update on Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking and Federal Data Strategy
Katharine Abraham, University of Maryland, co-chair of Commission
Nick Hart, Bipartisan Policy Center, former Commission staff
- 12:30 – 1:30 Networking Lunch (on site)
(Lunch is \$15.00 for all except presenters and discussants. If you sign up to attend, please let us know if you will NOT be having lunch with us.)
- 1:30 - 2:45 Panel Discussion: USDA Proposal to relocate ERS-NIFA and to realign ERS under the USDA Chief Economist
Moderator: Cynthia Clark, former Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service
- **Kitty Smith Evans**, Washington Area Representative of the American Economic Association, former ERS Administrator
 - **Caron Gala**, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association,
 - **Ferd Hoefner**, National Sustainable Agricultural Coalition,
 - **Steve Pierson**, American Statistical Association
 - **Catherine Woteki**, Iowa State University, former Undersecretary for Research, Education, and Economics and Chief Scientist, U.S. Department of Agriculture,
- 2:45 - 3:15 COPAFS Business Meeting
- 3: 15 Adjourn

~Security measures at BLS require that we provide a list of all attendees. Please RSVP to the COPAFS office by December 3rd via phone: 703-382-8001, or e-mail: copafs@copafs.org ~

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