

FEDERAL ECONOMIC STATISTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR MEETING — MARCH 21, 2003

**Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Rooms 1 and 2
2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20212**

- 8:45 Coffee and bakery basket
- 9:15 Opening remarks and introductions
- 9:30 Comparison of expenditure estimates, Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE) and Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE)
Steve Henderson, Thesia Garner, and Bill Passero (BLS), presenting
- Comparison of movements in the CPI and PCE price indexes
David Johnson (BLS), presenting
- Discussants: Barry Bosworth and Tim Bresnahan
- 11:30 Progress report on research into the use of hedonics in the CPI
David Johnson (BLS), presenting
- Discussant: Ernie Berndt
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Agency edit procedures
Richard Sigman (Census) and Steve Cohen (BLS), presenting;
Amy E. Anderson, Elizabeth Murphy, Elizabeth Nichols, and Diane K. Willimack (Census)
- Discussants: Kirk Wolter and Judy Lessler
- 2:45 Break
- 3:15 Benefit usage data in the Employment Cost Index (ECI)
Mark Loewenstein (BLS), presenting
- Discussants: Patty Anderson and Bob Groves
- 4:00 Briefing for FESAC members on ethics regulations
Rob Sadler, Counsel for Ethics, Office of Solicitor of Labor, presenting
- 4:30 Discussion of priorities for future meetings
- 5:00 Approximate conclusion