



Research Agenda: State and Local Government Branch

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Research Agenda

1) Improve sectoring

- Move public corporations and quasi-corporations to the private sector
- Move non-profits serving governments into the government sector

2) In-kind compensation



Public Corporations and Quasi-Corporations

- BEA currently recognizes government enterprises
- Quasi-corporations have three characteristics
 - Recover most or all expenses through sales
 - Maintain their own books
 - Have operational autonomy
- Identification of quasi-corporations
 - Survey
 - “Pragmatic” approximation



Non-profits Serving Governments

- Some serve governments directly
 - e.g., National Governor's Association and the League of Cities
- Others raise money for government entities
 - e.g., state university alumni boosters



In-Kind Compensation

- Currently includes military meals, uniforms, and Federal transit subsidies
- Research topics include
 - Restaurant meals
 - Tuition subsidies
 - Child care assistance



Data Issues: Restaurant Meals

- Restaurant meals will be part of a BEA-wide effort.
- Trade sources may have estimates of total sales of business meals.
- Federal, state, and local governments will be allocated part of the total.



Data Issues: Tuition

- The U.S. Department of Education conducts surveys of salaries and fringe benefits.



Data Issues: Child Care

- Families and Work Institute, Work Life Study
- Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employee Benefits Survey



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