

# Washington Briefing



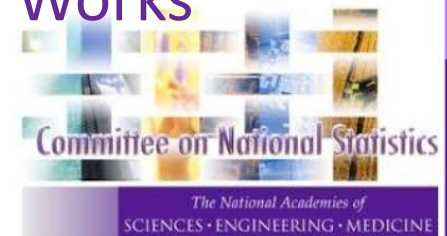
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# Overview

- Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking
- Data Synchronization
- FITARA
- Cybersecurity
- Forthcoming items of interest

# Evidence-Based Policymaking

- President's Budget FY 2017: Building the Capacity to Produce and Use Evidence
  - Discusses Principles and Practices that support credible evidence development
    - Some agencies have issued their own policies
    - Cites OMB Statistical Policy Directive on Fundamental Responsibilities of Federal Statistical Agencies
    - Notes National Academies is working with agencies and will hold a workshop in the fall on P&P for Federal Evaluation
  - Provides examples of federal “What Works” Research Clearinghouses



# Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission

- Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016 (PL 114-140)
  - Sponsored by Paul Ryan and Patty Murray
  - Charged with determining how to integrate administrative and survey data and to make those data available to facilitate research and evaluation while protecting privacy
  - Consider whether a clearinghouse should be created

# Members of the Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission

- **Katharine Abraham, Chair**
- **Ron Haskins, co-chair**
- Sherry Glied
- Robert Groves
- Robert Hahn
- Hilary Hoynes
- Jeffrey Liebman
- Bruce Meyer
- Paul Ohm
- Allison B. Orris
- Kathleen Rice
- Robert Shea
- Latanya Sweeney
- Kenneth Troske
- Kim Wallin

# Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission

- First Meeting held on July 22, 2016
  - Public sessions featured perspectives from House and Senate staff, OMB, and Census, with examples from ERS and BJS, and a presentation by Raj Chetty.
- Second meeting held on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Public sessions focused on privacy with presentations from federal, state, and private sector experts.
- Website: [www.cep.gov](http://www.cep.gov)

# Data Synchronization

- Longstanding effort to enable Census, BLS, and BEA to synchronize business registers
  - Enable BLS to obtain access to limited federal tax information and expand BEA's access.
  - “tax companion bill” to CIPSEA, subtitle B, which authorized sharing of business data among these agencies for exclusively statistical purposes.
- There are active and ongoing efforts to obtain agreement on legislative language and find a way to move this forward

# FITARA

- Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA)
  - Department CIOs given authority over information and IT used by all its agencies
- OMB Guidance M-15-14
  - Notes that statistical agencies shall implement in a manner that ensures statistical data collected under a pledge of confidentiality are exclusively used for statistical purposes
  - New Attachment K issued in May
    - Provides implementation questions for CIO and statistical agency managers to consider together

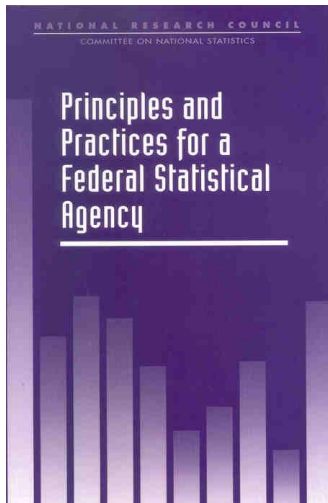


# Cybersecurity

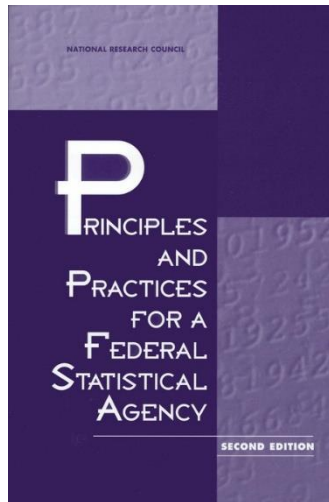
- Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015
  - Title II, Subtitle B of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015
  - Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security may access information transiting or traveling to or from an agency information system ***notwithstanding any other provision of law that would otherwise restrict or prevent the head of an agency from disclosing such information to the Secretary***

# “P&P” — Five Editions to Date

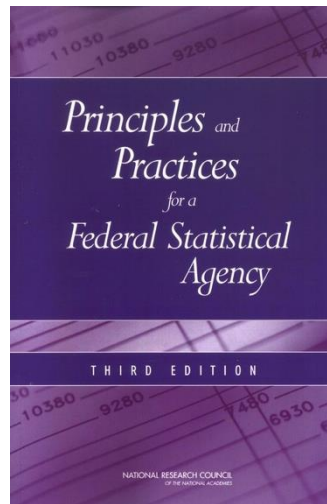
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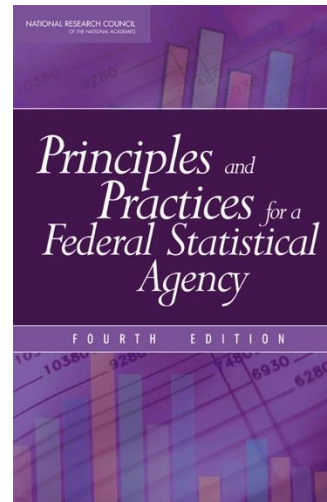
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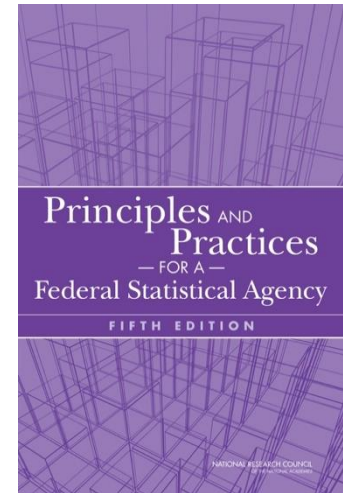
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**Sixth Edition  
coming in 2017!**

# Upcoming Public Seminar

## *Taking Surveys to People's Technology: Implications for Federal Statistics and Social Science Research*

*Speakers: Fred Conrad and Michael Schober*

*Discussants: Paul Beatty and Courtney Kennedy*

- *Friday October 21, 2016*
- *National Academy of Sciences Main Building*  
2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC.
- light refreshments at 1:30 pm with reception following the seminar at 4:30 pm



# THANK YOU!



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