

## **BUSINESS RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Agenda for the Fall BRAC committee meetings, October 20 and 21, 2004**

The schedule below shows the dates and times for all individual committee meetings to be held October 20 and 21, 2004. All of the meetings will be held in the Conference Center of the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC.

#### **Wednesday - October 20 (Conference rooms 1 & 2)**

##### 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics

1. Report on the first American Time Use Survey (ATUS) release (issued on September 14)
2. Business Employment Dynamics (BED) data by employer size: discussion of alternative methods for assigning employers to size categories.
3. Discussion of proposed macroeconomic assumptions for the 2014 round of BLS employment projections.
4. Discussion of major changes to the modeling methods used to develop Local Area Unemployment Statistics data.
5. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2005 meeting

##### 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions

1. New Statistics for Health Insurance from the National Compensation Survey
2. Presentation and discussion of the National Compensation Survey's Internet Collection Vehicle
3. Electronic collection of compensation data in the National Compensation Survey (e-mail and import functions)
4. Other topics and new business identified by the members
5. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2005 meeting

##### 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Committee on Occupational Safety and Health

1. Results of 2003 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, including latest data on foreign-born workers
2. Progress on 2003 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
3. Time of event data from the 2002 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
4. Status of special survey on employer workplace violence prevention policies
5. Budget update
6. New business
7. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2005 meeting

#### **Thursday - October 21 (Conference rooms 1 & 2)**

##### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Committee on Prices Indexes

1. Non-response rates in establishment surveys – the PPI and IPP

2. Update on the Conference on Price Index Concepts and Measurement
3. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2005 meeting

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

1. Commissioner's address
2. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2005 meeting

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - BRAC Membership Brown Bag Lunch (Conference center reception area)

1. BRAC strategies for getting new members
2. Strategic Issues: How can BRAC be more effective? Where can BRAC make an important contribution? BRAC member survey (Too few responses were received on the previous attempt. More formal BRAC commitment to complete survey would be necessary.)
3. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Committee on Productivity and Foreign Labor Statistics

1. The effects of IT investments on productivity growth
2. Research on preliminary estimates of multifactor productivity growth for the business sector
3. Country expansion for comparative productivity data
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2005 meeting

The meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions regarding the BRAC or need additional information, please contact [advisorycommittees@bls.gov](mailto:advisorycommittees@bls.gov).