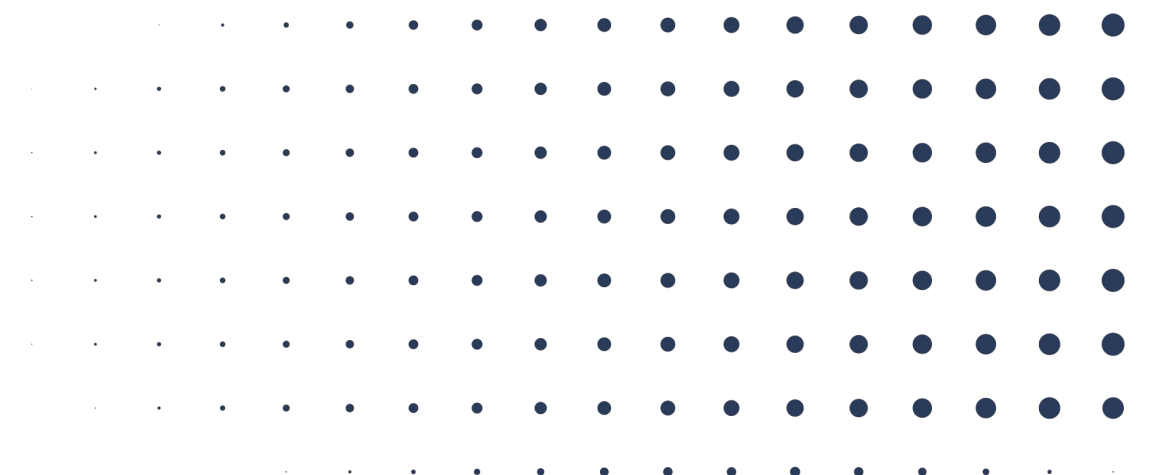


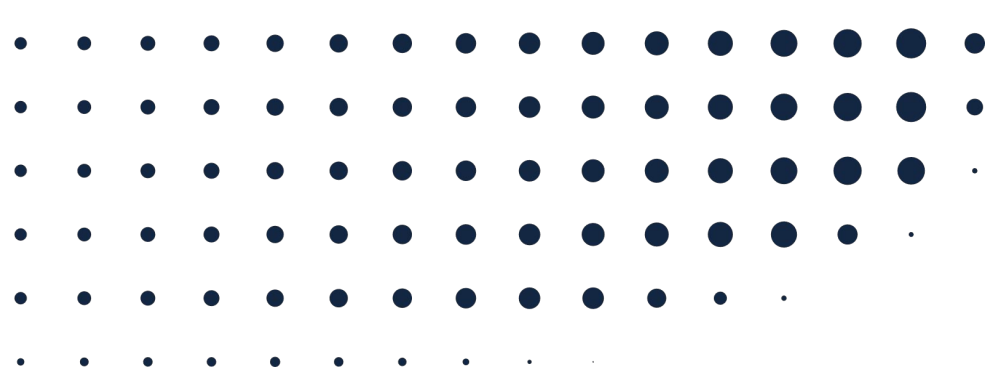


FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PROJECT

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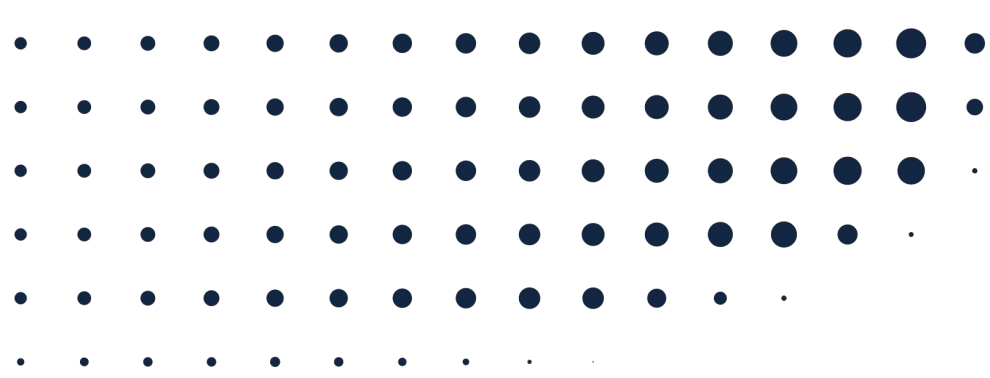
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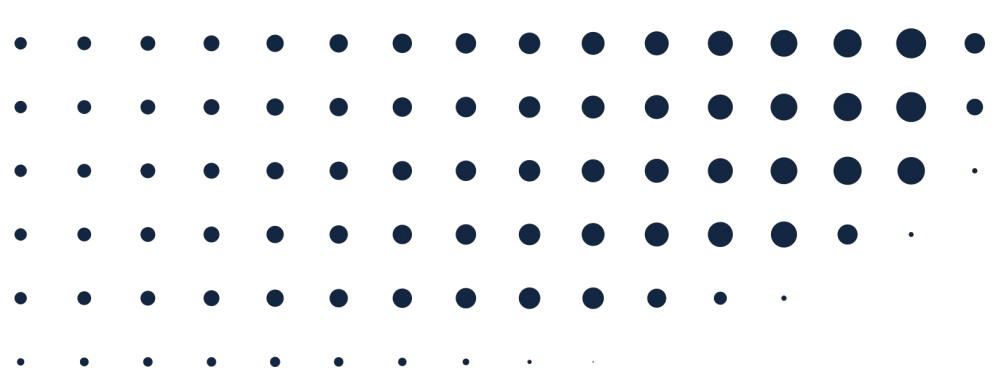
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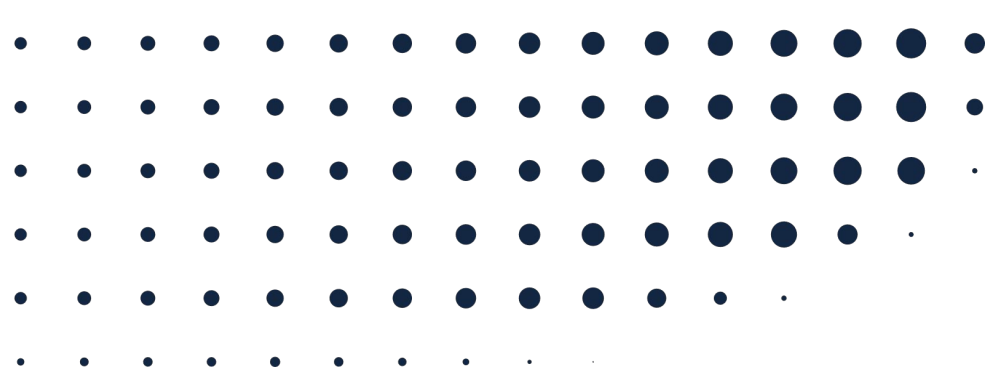
BACKGROUND

- The reshaping of the federal government has impacted federal statistics.
- **How can we leverage this (and other) disruptions to achieve a more modern federal statistical system?**



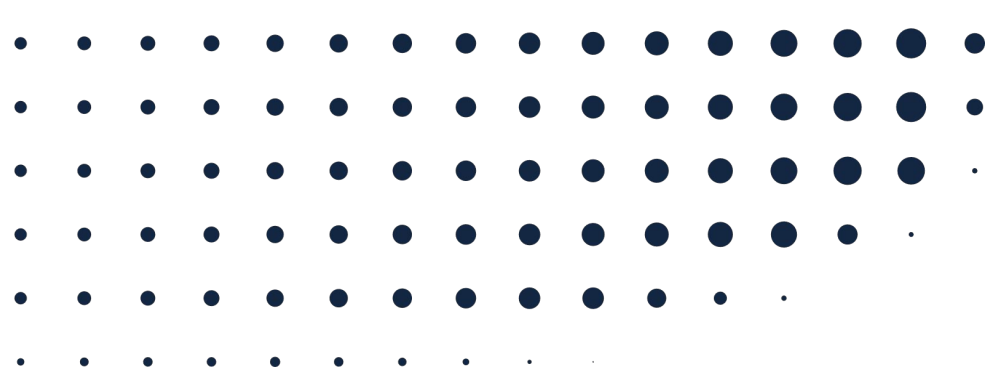
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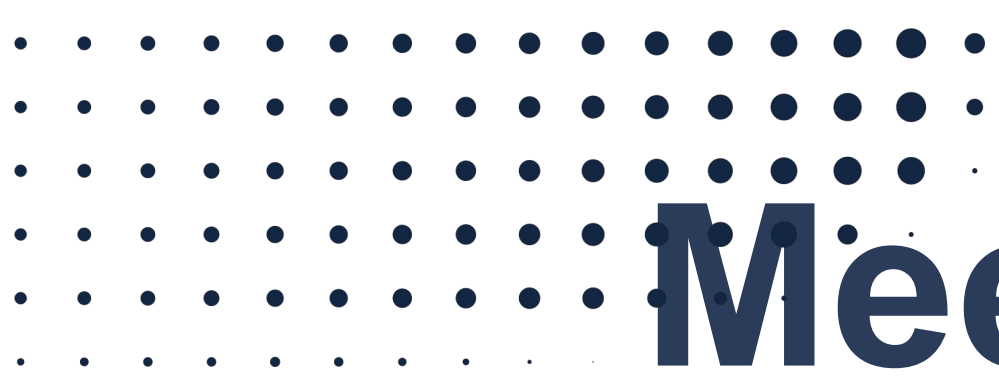
OBJECTIVES

- The **purpose** is to facilitate the development of options for strengthening the FSS in the current policy environment
- The **outcome** will be recommendations to ground broad discourse and advise on the strategic implementation of a structure suited to the needs of a 21st century federal statistical system



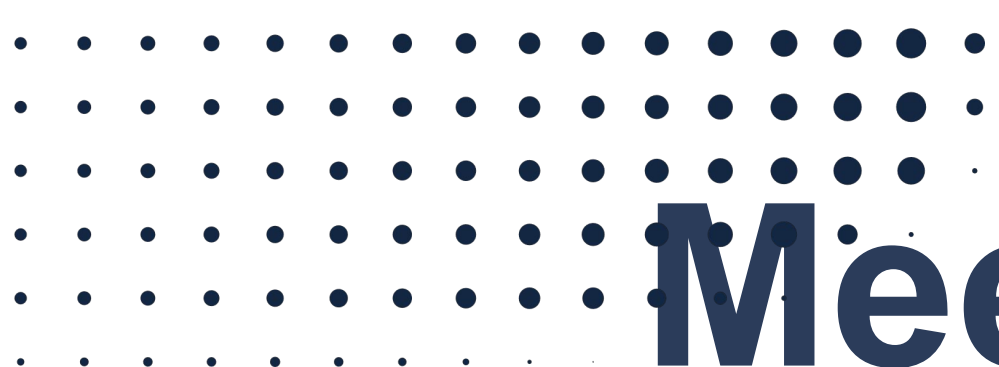
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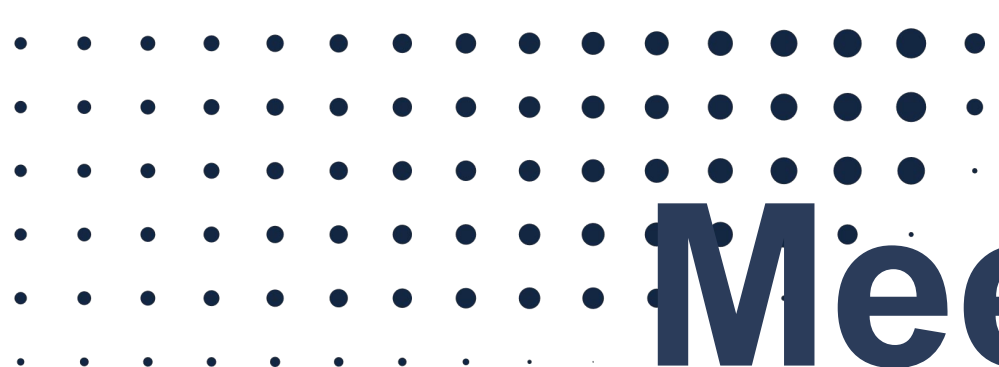
Meeting 1 Observations

- Restructuring the federal statistical system is already underway.
- There is appetite among former and current federal statistical agency thought leaders to adopt significant structural change.
- Structural change itself will not restore trust in federal statistics.
- The rationale for any structural change should be tied to value.



Meeting 2 Observations

- In the wake of reduced statistical programs, data users are identifying high value datasets—and how to increase utility.
- Practical improvements in efficiency and quality are well known.
- Fully implementing anticipated policies have stalled in the past.
- This Administration is ready for bold action.



Meeting 3 Observations

- There are many steps needed to achieve a modern FSS.
- Begin with an initial set of recommendations to promote immediately, building on the consolidation plans and the goals laid out by the Administration.
- Develop further through ongoing discussions with stakeholders.

Initial Recommendations

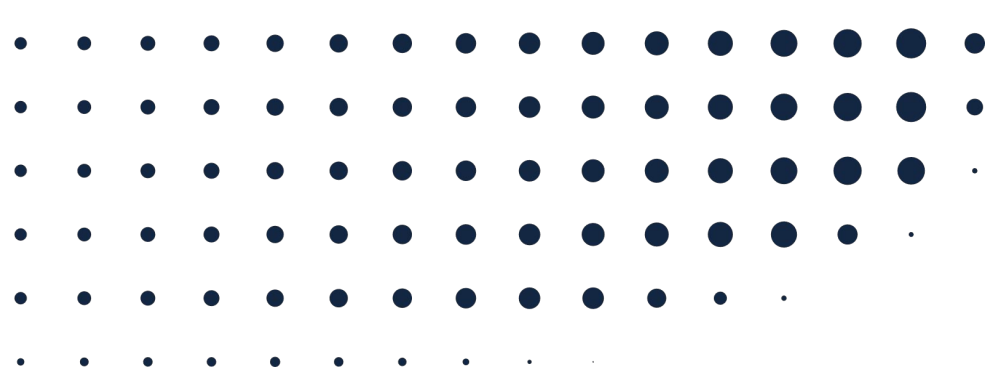
Action	30 Days	100 Days	FY27 Budget
A. Enable extensive use of <u>AI-supported</u> collection and analytical processes			
1. Direct NAIRR to contribute its resources to partner with NSDS and ICSP and together launch at least two more projects to implement “live feed” data acquisition or other projects to create higher frequency data. (Also, High Frequency.*)	X		
2. Direct the NSDS to report regularly to ICSP and CSOTUS on existing and new projects designed to increase FSS use of AI.	X		
B. Enable a substantial increase in <u>higher frequency</u> statistics (e.g., daily and weekly)			
3. Direct ICSP to develop a list of the ten top companies with which to expand “live feed” data acquisition for economic surveys—and provide a strategy to gain company cooperation.	X		
4. Direct OMB GC and OIRA to create a working group of agency GCs to support any regulatory reviews needed to implement the private sector “live feed” pilots, including specific timetables for review completion. (Also, Data-sharing.*)	X		

Initial Recommendations

C. Enable a well-functioning <u>data-sharing</u> infrastructure			
5. Direct OIRA/SSP, in consultation with ICSP, to provide a list of high-priority state data sets.	X		
6. Direct OIRA to incorporate into its agency regulatory reviews the addition of FSS access to federally funded state programs, and to identify and report any legal barriers.	X		
7. Direct agencies identified as overseeing high priority data sets to develop regulatory and statutory changes to allow FSS access, agree on a common data sharing agreement template, and submit those within a specified timeframe.		X	
8. Direct OIRA to issue NPRMs for two legally required CIPSEA data-sharing regulations, including a common data sharing agreement template. (Also, Sustainable Progress.*)		X	

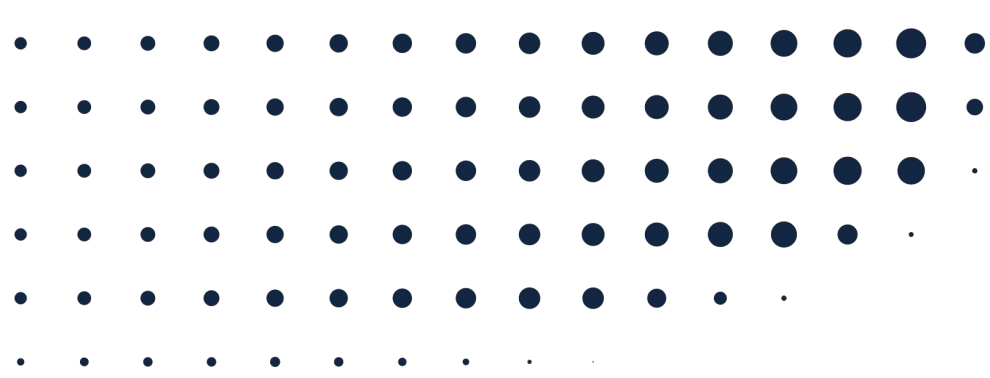
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D. Enable <u>sustainable progress</u> on each area above			
9. Direct ICSP to present to you a proposal for transparently managing a new FSS Innovation Fund.	X		
10. Establish a Statistical System CIO with full authority under key federal IT laws, overseeing a shared IT service.		X	
11. Establish line-item funding for each statistical agency.			X
12. Provide multi-year funding flexibility for statistical agencies.			X
13. Create an FSS Innovation Fund.			X
14. Create an FSS IT shared service.			X



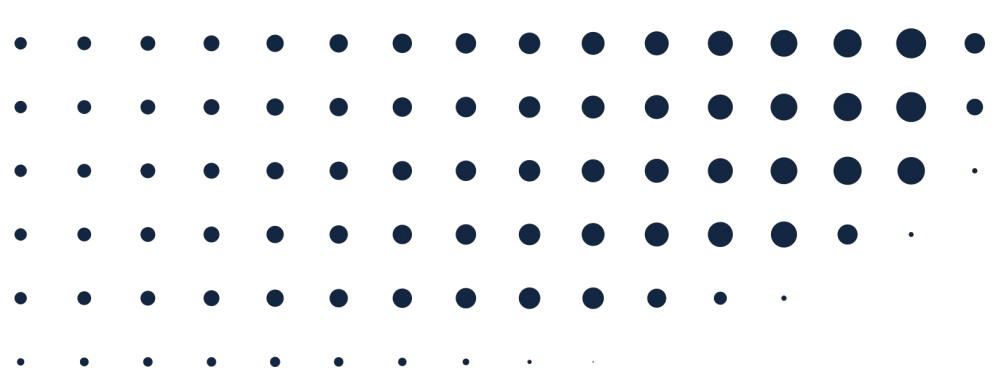
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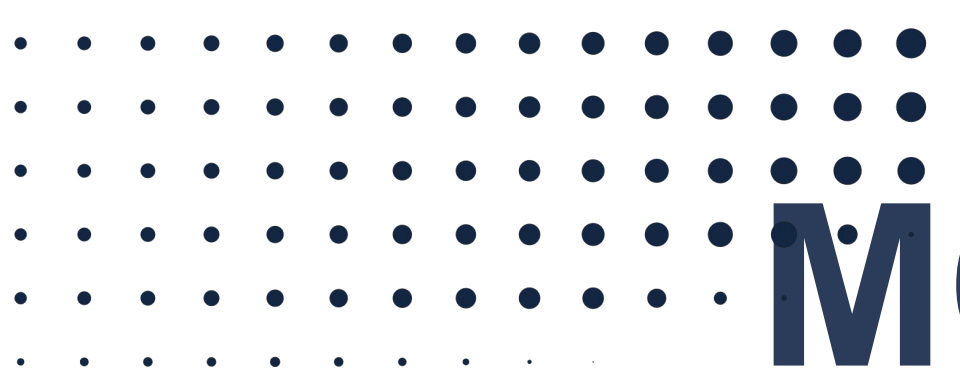
NEXT STEPS

- Preparing for fourth meeting
- Focus: strategy document



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MORE INFORMATION

- Project description and materials are posted on the ASA website
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