

Workshop on Consumption
Monday, December 12, 2005
Bureau of Labor Statistics, Postal Square Building
Conference and Training Center, Room 1

Continental Breakfast

I. Introductions and Objectives of the Meeting

Overview of the Surveys

- Sioux Groves, Division Chief
Consumer Expenditure Surveys
- Michael Hurd, Director
RAND, Center for the Study of Aging
- Sylvie Michaud, Director
Income Statistics Division, Statistics Canada
- Bob Schoeni, Associate Director
PSID, University of Michigan
- Break

II. Assessing Data Quality

- *A Journey into the PCE Jungle with CE Colored Glasses*
Thesia Garner, Senior Research Economist
Bill Passero, Senior Economist
Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Lunch, Capitol City Brewing Company
- *Data Quality in the Consumption and Activities Mail Survey*
Susann Rohwedder, Economist
RAND, Center for the Study of Aging
- *Using the PSID to Study Consumption*
Bob Schoeni
- Break
- *Reporting Bias in the Consumer Expenditure Survey*
Clyde Tucker, Senior Statistician
Brian Meekins, Research Statistician
Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Adjourn