



***CALL FOR PRESENTERS:
2011 Consumer Expenditure Survey Microdata Users' Workshop
July 27-29
Washington, DC***

Have you used the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE) in your work? More specifically, have you used the public-use microdata files from the CE in research you have conducted? If so, we would like to invite you to present your work at the upcoming 6th annual CE Microdata Users' Workshop, which will be held July 27-29, 2011.

We are seeking presentations of up to 30 minutes by users of the CE data for the workshop. There are no limits to the areas of research or degree of sophistication of the papers we seek. They can be descriptive or applied. They can present simple hypothesis testing or elegant model building. Work in progress is as welcome as finished research. However, when preparing the presentation, please note that the emphasis should be on how the data were used, questions, or problems encountered and similar discussion. Results of the research are an important, and perhaps necessary, component of these presentations; nevertheless, the emphasis sought is on application. In fact, previous workshop attendees have cited these sessions consistently among their favorites, not just because of their interest in the topics presented, but because the presentations give practical examples of how the data can be used in research.

While we cannot offer any honoraria to presenters, the workshop is free of charge to all who come. Past workshops have averaged about 50 attendees. If space permits, we will extend invitations to the local professional community to attend the sessions, so you can anticipate a significant audience for your presentation.

By the way, if you have a colleague who might be interested in presenting, please forward this invitation. Also please note that the workshop is an excellent forum for graduate students to gain experience presenting their work, and to get helpful comments on research in development, including dissertation proposals or theses in progress.

If you would like to be part of the 2011 CE Users' Microdata Workshop program or have any questions about the workshop, please contact us by Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at CE_Workshop_2011@bls.gov, or by phone at (202) 691 - 6900.

Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you.