



NASWA and LMI Institute staff met to discuss options for strengthening the state infrastructure that produces state and local occupational and industry employment projections. State LMI shops play a key role in the development of these projections, which are critical to state and local planning and for citizens making career, education, and training decisions.

Ken Poole and Marty Romitti from the LMI Institute staff updated Scott Sanders, Yvette Chocolaad, and Liam Sullivan of NASWA on several projects that could help LMI shops increase their responsiveness to the needs of state workforce agencies and other customers for projections information. Project goals include more efficient inter-state data exchange, more frequent updates, and more customer choice around the projections periods, which currently are at two and ten years out.

One challenge to moving forward includes substantial reductions in federal funding of the Workforce Information Grants to States (WIGS) that support projections work in state LMI shops. Another challenge is the need for state technical assistance in translating the projections information into customer-facing resources.

This meeting continues a strong partnership between NASWA and the LMI Institute in supporting the labor market information ecosystem.