

FY 2020 Friends of BLS Proposed Initiatives for the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Item	Budget Category	Progress during FY2018 & FY2019	Proposed FY2020
1 Modernize Consumer Expenditure Survey and provide robust data to support the Supplemental Poverty measure	Prices and Cost of Living	slow progress	\$ 7
2 Annual supplement to the Current Population Survey, to allow for collection of data on contingent and alternative work arrangements every 2 years and data on other topics related to the labor force in the alternate years, including an occasional veterans supplement	Employment and Unemployment Statistics	CNSTAT panel (\$1 M) + extra analysis of CWS results	\$ 3
3 Expand Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey to provide greater industry detail and state-level data	Employment and Unemployment Statistics		\$ 5
4 Modernize Industrial Price and Import/Export Program systems	Prices and Cost of Living		\$ 3
5 Modernize Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages systems for data collection and communication with the States	Employment and Unemployment Statistics	slow progress	\$ 2
6 Modernize infrastructure for BLS public internet and public database	Employment and Unemployment Statistics, Prices and Cost of Living, Compensation and Working Conditions, Productivity and Technology	assessed needs	\$ 6
7 Continue research and work toward a pilot test of a new Survey of Employer Provided Training	Compensation and Working Conditions		\$ 2
8 Continue research and work toward a pilot test of a quick-response employer survey (either Annual Refiling Survey or Employment Cost Index platform)	Employment and Unemployment Statistics		\$ 2
9 Add second Electronic Data Collection Facility to expand electronic collection and improve resilience	Employment and Unemployment Statistics	scoped options	\$ 2
10 Staff development; cybersecurity; and computationally intensive and other IT capacity upgrades	Employment and Unemployment Statistics, Prices and Cost of Living, Compensation and Working Conditions, Productivity and Technology and Executive Direction and Staff Services	assessed needs and minor upgrades	\$ 7
11 Move to Commerce--organizational, shared services restructuring	Executive Direction and Staff Services		\$ 1



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