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Legislation and Regulations Focus Area

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Recommendations Summary

Focus Area Highlights

OMB should:

- issue guidance and regulations required or expected under the Evidence Act

- designate a full-time Chief Statistician of the United States

- establish a clear procedure for public and stakeholder engagement on future data standards

- issue a memorandum clarifying expectations on use of existing authorities and flexibilities to facilitate data sharing and use

- develop legislative proposals to expanded access to income and earnings data already acquired by federal agencies

- develop legislative proposals to test and pilot emerging approaches to protecting data

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Greatest Successes and Challenges

Focus Area Discussion

Greatest successes

- Increased appreciation of state efforts to make data available for evidence building

- Confirmation of the Commission's recommendations and exceptional insight

- Finding that existing authorities are not fully employed or supported with OMB guidance

Greatest challenges

- Navigating the gauntlet of laws and rules at all levels of government

- Increasing Congressional confidence that privacy will be protected if additional authorities are granted

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Year 2 Roadmap

Focus Area Plans

- Case studies to show value and barriers

- Identify model approach for state data sharing

- Develop specific projects regarding the availability of income and earnings data

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