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- For many LMI shops two primary funding streams
 - US BLS provides funding through cooperative agreements
 - Joint administration of four statistical programs
 - Data collection, diagnostics and resolution for aggregate statistical tabulations and measures
 - US DOL/ETA provides funding through workforce and labor market information grant to states (WIGS) awards
 - Funds collaborative product development, LMI training and stakeholder engagement
 - Production of timely, local, and substantively relevant labor market information

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- Moving the proposed BBB funding through the WIGS pipeline
 - BBB complements the WIGS vision for state-driven collaboration on LMI product sustainability
 - Expand WIGS focus beyond Workforce Information Database and Employment Projections to include state-driven data collaboratives on the incubation of new product development
 - BBB complements the WIGS vision for stakeholder engagement
 - Expand WIGS focus beyond stakeholder engagement in the dissemination of products to include stakeholder engagement in product development
 - BBB complements the WIGS vision for LMI training
 - Expand WIGS focus beyond training on the uses of LMI products to include data analytics training for product development

State-Driven Data Collaboratives and Stakeholder Engagement:

MidWest Collaborative Example

- Goal: State collaboratives leverage external researcher funding streams and technical expertise for incubation of products with state-defined value-add
- Project evaluation and approval process promotes partnership between states and external researchers
 - External researchers must secure sponsorship of at least one MWC state as condition for submission of a project proposal
 - Project proposal must establish a value-add to states with an emphasis on joint product development
 - Product release is dependent on state approval based on demonstration of value-add to states
- Projects may have multi-year timelines and extensions depending on external funding availability (similar to the flexibility of WIGS)