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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)**