### Table 1: Priority Recommendations for the 10 Agencies

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| Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)           | • Improve the accuracy and reliability of its data  
• Develop new and expanded products to measure a dynamic economy in coordination with other economic statistical agencies  
• Improve customer understanding and modernize access to and use of BEA’s products  
• Strive for operational excellence to meet mission-critical goals in a cost-effective and efficient manner  
• Coordinate its work with other economic statistics agencies |
| Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)          | • Modernize and strengthen its data collections and publish data and reports in a timely manner  
• Produce new products that are timelier and more specific to communities (e.g., victimization rates at the local levels)  
• Build partnerships to achieve these needs and relationships with stakeholders  
• Rationalize its budget structure |
| Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)            | • Increase the frequency of data release from the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) to twice annually  
• Increase resources for the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)  
• Access state unemployment insurance (UI) wage records and UI claims data  
• Fund a new cohort for the National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth (NLSY) |
| Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)   | • Urgent attention to its short- and long-term budget shortfalls  
• Reinstatement of its Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics  
• Measures to strengthen its independence from political and other undue external influence |
| Economic Research Service (ERS)             | • Support and flexibility to rebuild its staff, especially for senior leadership  
• Affirmation and commitment from the department for its  
  • Independence and objectivity within the Research, Education, and Economics mission area  
  • Role as one of 13 principal federal statistical agencies, thereby adhering to standards promulgated by the chief statistician of the United States  
• Further consideration of its optimal configuration between two locations |
| National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) | • Improve the accuracy and reliability of its data while also reducing respondent burden  
• Develop new and expanded products  
• Transition from traditional survey data collection to in-depth integration of survey data with alternative sources and methods  
• Modernize its IT infrastructure  
• Strengthen protections within USDA to ensure objective and reliable data |
| National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) | • More technical staff  
• Enhanced resources  
• Independence from political and other undue external influence  
• Authority to retain its management responsibilities for both assessment (including the "Nation's Report Card") and its other statistical activities |
| National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) | • Create a platform for using electronic health records (EHR) to facilitate processing, analysis, and access to timely and detailed morbidity data  
• Combine the assets of its National Health Interview Survey and National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to address response bias and growing requests for more detailed data  
• Improve vital statistics data quality and timeliness by funding states to develop new and upgraded electronic registration systems and by upgrading internal NCHS systems to support real-time reporting and data dissemination  
• Explore use of innovative techniques to better protect data confidentiality and expand access to linked files  
• Redesign its website to improve data access, usability, and visualizations  
• Upgrade its computing technology and capacity |
| National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) | • Expand its data portfolio on the science and technology enterprise  
• Develop innovative services to link, analyze, and disseminate data as the foundation for rigorous research to generate insights that can improve American society (e.g., design and implement a secure research data center)  
• Collaborate broadly with national and international scientific communities to support innovation and create knowledge to improve the future  
• Give attention to its budget and budget structure |
| US Census Bureau                             | • Additional time to produce apportionment and redistricting data and data products from the 2020 Census  
• Additional protections to conduct its mission free from undue political interference  
• Nomination of a director with a demonstrated ability to manage large organizations; experience in the collection, analysis, and use of statistical data; and a commitment to ensuring the accuracy and reliability of census data |