Meeting Agenda • December 9, 2011

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MORNING

8:30 a.m.  Registration

9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction
  B.K. Atrostic, Designated Federal Official
  Matthew Shapiro, Chairperson

9:15 a.m.  Updates by Agency Heads
  Robert Groves, U.S. Census Bureau
  Steven Landefeld, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
  Keith Hall, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

10:15 a.m. Remarks
  Rebecca M. Blank, Acting Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Session 1: Interarea Price Indexes — Presentations
  Bettina Aten, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

11:30 a.m. Session 1: Interarea Price Indexes — Discussions
  Jay Breidt, Colorado State University
  John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland
  Open Discussion

12 noon  Lunch Break
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AFTERNOON

1:00 p.m.  Session 2: Web Scraping 1 — External Presentations
Hal Varian, Google
Roberto Rigobon, Alberto Cavallo; MIT Billion Price Project
Michael Cafarella, Margaret Levenstein, Matthew Shapiro;
University of Michigan

2:30 p.m.  Break

3:00 p.m.  Session 2: Web Scraping 2 — Agency Presentations
Brent Moulton, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
Robert Groves, U.S. Census Bureau

3:30 p.m.  Session 2: Web Scraping 3 — Discussion
Ernst Berndt, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Kirk Wolter, NORC and University of Chicago
Open Discussion

4:00 p.m.  Public Comment Period

4:15 p.m.  Meeting Summary, Future Priorities

4:30 p.m.  Conclusion