The Federal Employment Data Exchange System (FEDES) is a pilot initiative that provides information on federal employment to participating states to help them meet their reporting requirements. Quarterly data exchanges are conducted with two federal agencies: the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Department of Defense, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC).

**BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Labor awarded a grant to the Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (July 2003) to establish a common data exchange environment that would provide states and other grantees with access to Federal civilian and military employment records.

Access to Federal civilian and military employment records is critical to assisting states in meeting reporting requirements under current program reporting systems as well as the common performance measures by capturing wage record data for a population uncovered by the nation’s unemployment insurance system.

FEDES provides states access to employment records maintained by the following agencies: Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and Department of Defense (DOD)

**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE**


**PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

The University of Baltimore’s Jacob France Institute is responsible for the technical operations of the pilot, while the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation oversees the administrative management of FEDES. The pilot is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information including technical guidance and contact information, please visit: [http://www.ubalt.edu/jfi/fedes/](http://www.ubalt.edu/jfi/fedes/)