

NEW HAMPSHIRE WORKFORCE INFORMATION GRANT ANNUAL REPORT PY 2012

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A) Accomplishments Related to Deliverables

The Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau of New Hampshire Employment Security, the designated workforce information entity for New Hampshire, supplied a wide variety of workforce information products and services to meet requirements of the Workforce Information Grant.

1) Populate the Workforce Information Database (WIDb) with state and local data.

The Bureau continues to maintain the Workforce Information Database (WIDb) in New Hampshire. All core tables are populated in version 2.5 of the WIDb, and data are maintained on a regular basis, as are multiple non-core tables.

WIDb Maintenance

The following data were loaded to WIDb tables, both local and Internet, between July 2012 and June 2013:

- Monthly updates of the following data tables:
 - Current Employment Statistics program data for NH Statewide and six Metropolitan NECTA/NECTA Divisions;
 - Labor force statistics for the US; NH Statewide; Counties; In-State and Cross-State Metropolitan and Micropolitan NECTA/NECTA Divisions, In-State and Cross-State Labor Market Areas; and Minor Civil Divisions (cities, towns, and unincorporated places);
 - Consumer Price Index for the US; and
 - Building permits (Census Bureau) for the US and NH Statewide
- Annual average data updates of the following data tables:
 - Current Employment Statistics program data for NH Statewide and six Metropolitan NECTA/NECTA Divisions;
 - Labor force statistics for the US; NH Statewide; County; In-State and Cross-State Metropolitan and Micropolitan NECTA/NECTA Divisions, In-State and Cross-State Labor Market Areas; and Minor Civil Divisions;
 - Building permits (Census Bureau) for the US, NH Statewide, and Counties
- Benchmark revisions by month:
 - Current Employment Statistics (CES), 2008 – 2012, NH Statewide and six Metropolitan NECTA/NECTA Divisions
 - Labor Force, 2008 – 2012, NH Statewide; County; In-State/Cross-State Metro and Micro NECTA, NECTA Divisions, and Labor Market Areas; and Minor Civil Divisions
- Industry and Occupational Projections
 - Statewide short-term industry and occupational projections, 2012 Q2 to 2014 Q2
 - Statewide short-term industry and occupational projections, 2012 Q4 to 2014 Q4
 - Long-term industry and occupational projections, and staffing patterns data, 2010 – 2020, for ten New Hampshire counties and nine New Hampshire planning regions

- Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)
 - Quarterly data for 2012 Q1 through 2012 Q4 to the NAICS industry group (4-digit) level for NH Statewide, Counties, Metropolitan NECTAs, Micropolitan NECTAs, and labor market areas
 - 2012 Q1 through 2012 Q3 to the NAICS industry group level for the US
 - 2012 Q1 through 2012 Q4 to the domain level (goods-producing and service-providing) for New Hampshire municipalities
- Annual Average QCEW
 - 2011 annual average data to the NAICS industry group (4-digit) level for the US, statewide, counties, labor market areas, and planning regions
 - 2011 annual average data to the NAICS sector (2-digit) level for municipalities
 - 2011 annual average data to the NAICS industry group (4-digit) level for the US
- Population Estimates
 - US Census Bureau estimates for the US, NH statewide, and New Hampshire counties and municipalities, 2010 - 2012
- ARC Employer Database, 2012 second edition and 2013 first edition
- Transfer Payments from the US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), revised and preliminary, Statewide and US, annual 2008 – 2011; and County, annual 2009 - 2011
- Measures of personal income from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
 - Statewide and US by quarter, revised and preliminary, 2012 Q1 – 2013 Q1
 - Statewide and US, revised and preliminary annual 2009 – 2012
 - County (revised), annual 2009 – 2011
- Business Employment Dynamics (BED) data for 2011 Q4 through 2012 Q3 were added to local WIDb (programming to display this data via the NHnetwork application has not been developed)
- State General Fund Tax Revenues for New Hampshire, calendar year 2011
- Educational programs offered by New Hampshire institutions for the 2012 – 2013 school year and educational program completers for New Hampshire educational institutions for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Occupational Licensing

An update of occupational licensing information for New Hampshire, entitled *Licensed, Certified, and Registered Occupations in New Hampshire*, was completed in December 2011. Since that time, changes have been posted on the web site, upon the request of licensing boards and agencies, to accommodate personnel changes, address changes, etc. New Hampshire's occupational licensing publication had over 20,000 hits on the ELMI web site during PY 2012. The biennial occupational licensing update is underway, and is scheduled to be completed during PY 2013.

Local and Substate Data Maintenance

The Bureau recognizes the value of local workforce information. In response to requests from the workforce development community, employers, and other users of workforce information, New Hampshire continues to populate the WIDb with extensive substate information. Substate data is maintained in 17 of the 30 populated WIDb data tables. Access to this data is provided through NHnetwork, New Hampshire's on-line labor market information system and WIDb user interface.

In addition to standard WIDb tables, 16 tables were added to the WIDb to support Internet access of data contained in the New Hampshire Community Profiles. Users are provided access to municipality-specific information through the NHnetwork application, as well as through standard HTML web pages and PDF documents. The annual update to these data tables was completed in February 2013.

Data Provided to NH Job Match System

A subset of the WIDb data maintained for the NHnetwork application was deemed relevant to the Job Match System, New Hampshire Employment Security's on-line labor exchange and labor market information system. The bureau has provided regular data updates for the system, primarily at the US, NH statewide, and county geographic level, for those data sets considered appropriate for the application. Data submitted for the system included CPI, CES, QCEW, Labor Force, Building Permits, OES Wages, industry and occupational employment projections, and education and training program providers.

2) Produce and disseminate industry and occupational employment projections.

New Hampshire continues to produce and disseminate statewide industry and occupational employment projections using the methodology, software tools, and guidelines developed by the Projections Workgroup and the Projections Managing Partnership.

Primary activities for PY 2012 were the production of long-term projections by industry and occupation for New Hampshire's ten counties and nine planning regions; and statewide short-term projections. New Hampshire county and planning region long-term projections were developed for the 2010 to 2020 period. Statewide short-term projections were developed for the 2012 Q2 to 2014 Q2 period and the 2012 Q4 to 2014 Q4 period.

- The Bureau populated the Workforce Information Database with sub-state long-term projections for the 2010-2020 time period to allow for further public dissemination through NNetwork, New Hampshire's on-line labor market information system and WIDb user interface.
- The Bureau prepared two sets of short-term statewide estimates of employment by industry and occupation, based on the latest available quarter of information and forecast out eight quarters. One set covered the 2012 Q2 to 2014 Q2 time period. The Bureau both posted data tables on the web site and populated the WIDb with these data to allow for further public dissemination of these projections in January 2013.
- The second set of short-term projections for the time period 2012 Q4 to 2014 Q4 was completed in June 2013. This satisfies the ETA requirement to produce short-term, industry and occupational employment estimates during PY 2012 covering the 2012-2014 time period. These estimates were delivered for use in CareerOneStop on June 27, 2013. The Bureau posted data tables on the web site and populated the WIDb with these data to allow for further public dissemination of these projections in June 2013.
- The Bureau published two articles on short-term projections, one in the October 2012 and one in the March 2013 issues of *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*. The October 2012 article focused on the 2011 Q4 to 2013 Q4 short-term projections, reviewing differences between fastest-growing occupations and occupations adding the most jobs, as well as the differences between new job growth and replacement openings. The March 2013 article discussed the 2012 Q2 to 2014 Q2 outlook for occupations requiring entry-level education of a postsecondary non-degree award. Both articles are available on the Bureau's web site.
- The Bureau published a brief article, known as a *Vital Signs Reading*, on the topic of long-term projections for New Hampshire's nine planning regions. This article complemented projections data that was published in *Vital Signs*, the Bureau's long-standing publication on social and economic indicators. *Vital Signs Readings* are short analyses related to the indicators compiled in *Vital Signs*, which is being converted to an on-line publication. The article is available on the Bureau's web site.
- During PY 2012, staff participated in on-line training offered by the Projections Managing Partnership, including: two webinars, one on the Reports Manager Module and one on proposed projections process improvements; and a PMP "open house" on projections-related questions answered by subject-matter experts.

3) **Conduct and publish relevant economic analyses, special workforce information, and economic studies of benefit to the governor and the SWIB.**

Publications that were developed or updated throughout PY 2012 include:

STEM in New Hampshire: A Labor Supply-Demand Analysis

Due to a renewed emphasis on the need for both education and jobs in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau conducted an in-depth analysis of the supply and demand for workers in STEM occupations.

The analysis examined the supply of workers based on students matriculating from colleges and universities located in the state with degrees in programs qualifying them for employment in STEM occupations, as well as an estimate of unemployed workers in STEM-related job families. Demand for STEM workers was based on estimated annual openings from the 2010 – 2020 occupations projections. The study included Health occupations because workers in Health Practitioner and Technical occupations are required to have an educational background similar to that of many engineers or life and physical scientists, and because health care represents a significant portion of employment in New Hampshire.

The *STEM in New Hampshire Labor Supply-Demand Analysis* was published in April 2013.

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

The Bureau continued its relationship with the US Census Bureau in support of the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program, submitting data to Census on a quarterly basis.

LED data were used in the analysis of an interstate micropolitan area in New Hampshire. The Upper Valley portion of New Hampshire, specifically the Lebanon Micropolitan New England City-Town Area (NECTA), has significant employment in higher education, health care, and retail trade. Located on the Connecticut River, the Upper Valley shares significant economic connection with communities in Vermont located across the river, making the Upper Valley an ideal geographic location for analysis using multi-state LED and OnTheMap data. The study examined commuter in-flow and out-flow, educational attainment, and monthly earnings for those working and living in the area.

The *Upper Valley* analysis was published in November 2012.

Vital Signs: New Hampshire Social and Economic Indicators

The Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau continued to update the social and economic indicator data in *Vital Signs*. *Vital Signs* presents information about significant aspects of the state's economic, social, and environmental structure. The publication is published as a series of on-line data tables with rolling updates. New this year was the addition of *Vital Signs Readings*, brief discussions and analyses on topics relevant to those in the data tables.

Data for this publication is obtained from numerous other sources, ranging from federal agencies and other state agencies to private industry groups and institutes. Data covering a five-year time span is collected and presented in 18 chapters. Data tables for all chapters were updated in PY 2012, and *Vital Signs Readings* related to four of the 18 chapters were published.

County Commuting Pattern Summaries, ACS 2006 – 2010 5-Year Estimates

Summaries of county-to-county and state-to-state commuting patterns were developed for each of New Hampshire's ten counties based on data from the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates for 2006 – 2010. The summaries include information about persons who both live and work in a county, residents who leave each county for work, and workers who commute into a county. These summaries replace data from the 2000 Census, and are available on the Bureau's web site.

New Hampshire Economic Data Dashboard

The New Hampshire Economic Data Dashboard presents a two-page summary of data including labor force and unemployment rates, current employment statistics, CPI measures, building permits, initial and continued claims for unemployment insurance, duration of unemployment, and employment by industry from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. The dashboard is in a spreadsheet format and allows users to select a variety of geographic areas in each data section. Updated monthly, the NH Economic Data Dashboard is available on the Bureau's web site.

Benefits Survey

The Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau conducted an Employer Benefits Survey during PY2011. Data analysis and publication of the results was completed in January 2013. Survey results were analyzed for the firm size stratification only, as there was an insufficient number of responses to provide statistically significant results for the industry and geography stratifications. The analysis was published on-line in January 2013.

Econometric Model (REMI)

The Bureau continued to develop workforce and economic information through use of our New Hampshire econometric model. This model is used to analyze the short- and long-term impacts of economic changes, plant closings, proposed economic development, and other exogenous events. These economic impact studies provide information about the impacts of significant economic changes, and the anticipated impact on occupational demand and workforce development requirements. The Bureau identifies types of workers who would likely be affected by negative economic changes, and predicts the types of workers needed in response to business openings and specific economic development.

- The Bureau renewed a support and maintenance contract with the developer of the New Hampshire econometric model, Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI). An updated version of the model was installed in October 2012 and another updated version was received in late June 2013.
- Scenarios prepared using the REMI Policy Insight +[®] model included:
 - **October 2012** — Used the REMI modeling tool in order to estimate the impact of a major redevelopment project in Coös County.

- **September 2012 – May 2013** — The REMI model was used to estimate the impact of not meeting the future demand for workers in STEM occupations. Staffing patterns were used to translate occupational demand into the industry data needed for input into the REMI Model. This impact scenario was developed for the *STEM in New Hampshire* labor supply-demand analysis, determining to what degree New Hampshire's postsecondary institutions were graduating students with degrees that qualify them for a job opening in a STEM occupation in New Hampshire.
- **July 2012 – June 2013** — New Hampshire's nine Planning Commissions received a HUD Sustainable Regional Planning Grant, now known as *Granite State Future*, in February 2012. The grant activities will be conducted over a three-year period. The Bureau will perform REMI modeling simulation as a sub-grantee under this grant. The Bureau has been involved with overall grant activities sporadically throughout the program year as a member of the Community and Economic Vitality Technical Advisory Committee.

LMI Tools for Business

This two-page brochure has answers to questions about what the Bureau can do for business owners, where to find the answers on the Bureau web site, and how to put these resources to work. The brochure was updated to incorporate new information on the web site. The brochure was updated in May 2013.

New Hampshire Workforce and Career Information User's Guide

This booklet is a concise description of what labor market information is, why it is needed, when it is used, and how it can be found. The booklet includes descriptions of data and publications available through the Bureau, as well as a glossary of common terms. The booklet was updated in August 2012.

4) Post products, information, and reports on the Internet.

New Hampshire has posted all of its grant-produced products, reports, and other workforce information on the New Hampshire Employment Security, Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau web site. This facilitates product and information use by the workforce investment system, including partners, researchers, allied agencies, and other customers.

In December 2012, the State's web servers, which host the Bureau's web site, crashed. As a result, there was no web activity recorded from December 12, 2012, through the end of the calendar year. In addition, the State developed a new application for analysis of web activity, which utilizes a different method of counting web activity that is not strictly comparable with the methodology of the prior analytical software.

During PY 2012 the New Hampshire Employment Security Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau's web site garnered approximately 750,000 page hits and downloads.

- The most popular product by far on the Bureau's web site is *New Hampshire Community Profiles*, a summary of demographic, social, and economic information for each of New Hampshire's 234 municipalities. The profiles are updated annually through a mail survey, and supplemented with data from administrative databases and public data sources, such as the US Census Bureau and other state agencies. The profiles are published in HTML pages and PDF files on the web site. Similar profiles for New Hampshire's ten counties are also published as PDF files, and were updated using American Community Survey (ACS) data during PY 2012. There were approximately 144,000 page hits and downloads of this information during PY 2012.
- The second most accessed product was *Licensed, Certified, and Registered Occupations in New Hampshire*. Licensing information is made available on the web site as a PDF document and in HTML pages, as well as submitted to Career OneStop following the biennial update. There were approximately 24,300 page hits and downloads of this information during PY 2012.
- The third most accessed product was a historical analysis of unemployment insurance claims data from 1970 through 2011. There were approximately 22,000 page hits and downloads of this information during PY 2012.
- Other frequently accessed publications and web pages were:
 - the monthly employment situation news release for New Hampshire and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) report;
 - New Hampshire Occupational Employment and Wages (OES Program);
 - *New Hampshire Economic Conditions*, the Bureau's monthly bulletin; and
 - Monthly Current Employment Statistics (CES) data.

5) Partner and consult on a continuing basis with workforce investment boards and other workforce and economic development partners.

Grantees are required to partner and consult on a continuing basis with the SWIB in order to identify and provide needed information support for workforce investment strategic planning and response to rapidly changing economic conditions and state and local initiatives.

- Throughout the year, the Bureau responded to multiple requests from the Office of Workforce Opportunity, New Hampshire's state workforce investment board
- In August 2012, Bureau staff participated in the Region I Business Engagement Roundtable, sponsored by ETA. Staff also participated in follow-up quarterly conference calls.
- In support the Office of Workforce Opportunity's update of the State WIA Unified Plan, the Bureau prepared an economic analysis report. This report focused on the labor force status of WIA clients, such as the long-term unemployed, youth, and disabled workers.
- Provided the Office of Workforce Opportunity an analysis of unemployment duration for OJT purposes
- In May 2013, Bureau staff presented a workshop on career information available on the Bureau web site at the annual NH WORKS Staff Day Conference
- In May 2013, information on the labor force status and new hires estimates of youth aged 18 to 24 was provided to the Office of Workforce Opportunity. OWO staff used the information to participate in a round table discussion on youth employment. The roundtable focused on the federal community service network, and was hosted by the President's Representative for Americorps.
- In June 2013, Bureau staff did a presentation on labor market information and economic trends to New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council
- Provided a variety of data to the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health and Refugee Affairs regarding minorities and ethnic groups in the workforce, for purposes of developing a Health and Equity Report Card
- Throughout the year, the Bureau responded to requests from National, State, and Local government representatives including staff for the Governor's Office, New Hampshire's U.S. Senators and Representatives, State Senators and Representatives, and many municipal officials. The most frequently requested information was regarding labor force statistics and covered employment statistics.

Support of economic development and retention

The Bureau continued its support of economic development and retention efforts by the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Economic Development as well as regional and local economic development organizations throughout the program year.

- In December 2012, the Bureau updated composite profiles of New Hampshire's ten counties based on the content of the New Hampshire Community Profiles. The county profiles were provided to the NH Division of Economic Development for use in business recruitment and job creation initiatives.
- Throughout the year, the Bureau responded to over 35 requests from the New Hampshire Division of Economic Development with information ranging from simple statistics to complex projects, including presentations, maps, data tables, and substantial industry and area analyses. The information was used for business recruitment and retention efforts.

Support of the education community and other activities

Data and research assistance was also provided to a variety of other state partners in support of grant applications, strategic planning, and career development activities.

- **Employment Match Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH).** The Bureau conducted the annual employment match for Perkins Act CCSNH career and technical program completers from the 2011-2012 academic year with wage records from calendar year 2012, third quarter. This match only identifies if an individual had wage records, and does not provide any wage or employer information.
- **Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCT) Grant Application.** In May 2013, the Bureau responded to a request from a private consultant preparing a grant application for a consortium that includes Manchester Community College. The consortium applied for a grant during Round Three of TAACCT funding. Evidence of the use of labor market information must be demonstrated by all grant applications. The consortium is concentrating on manufacturing technology and mechatronics.
- **Distribution of career products.** Throughout the year, career products were distributed in print as well as via downloads from the Bureau's web site. During PY 2012, the Bureau has begun re-crafting career information posted on the web site. The following items were re-designed and/or updated.
 - ***New Hampshire Job Notes.*** The 2010-2011 publication was the 21st edition of the career tabloid. While it is no longer being printed, many of the articles are still relevant, and the Bureau has begun crafting HTML pages for the web site that include previously published information. Articles on using interests to identify occupational choices, postsecondary education options, applying for college, military careers, apprenticeship, lifelong learning, and planning for life after school and job hunting tips, resume and cover letter writing, and interviewing will be posted. During PY 2012, there were over 3,500 downloads of *New Hampshire Job Notes* pages and articles from the web site.

- The *Career Planning Guide* portion of New Hampshire Job notes was updated with the 2010 – 2020 occupational projections and 2011 occupational wages. The Guide lists about 600 occupations, and includes a description, projected openings, hourly or annual wage, whether the occupations is “green,” basic skills, related educational requirements, available training through an apprenticeship or military service, and requirements for New Hampshire licensure. In addition, a lay titles index was prepared, providing users with occupational titles in industry-specific names and common phrasing for occupations, along with a related SOC code. During PY 2012, there were nearly 16,000 downloads of the *Career Planning Guide*.
- **Top Career Prospects.** (formerly known as *So You Want to Be A* brochures) Redesigned as HMTL pages and PDF files instead of print documents, these pages describe the top 25 occupations expected to have “very favorable” employment opportunities through 2020, based on the long-term projections occupational descriptors. The pages were posted in December 2012, and had nearly 1,500 web hits and downloads between January and June 2013.

Other activities. Other presentations, meetings, and activities related to the Bureau’s mission.

- Participation in activities related to the Business One Stop initiative. Business One Stop is a web application under development that is designed to provide current and potential members of the business community a wide variety of information about and assistance on accessing services from New Hampshire executive departments.
- Staff presented quarterly updates on labor market information and economic trends to the New Hampshire Employment Security Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council
- August 2012 — Presentation to staff of Lutheran Social Services, Immigration and Refugee Services, on short-term and long-term occupational projections, educational requirements for occupations, wage rates, and O*Net tasks and work activities information
- September 2012 — Staff attended the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Fall Steering Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- October 2012 — Presentation to New Hampshire House Family and Work Task Force to discuss nonprofits versus profits information from *2011 Benefits Survey to Work and Family* legislative committee. Several questions had been added to the survey at the behest of the committee, and these were the focus of the presentation.
- November 2012 — New Hampshire Basics Program presentation, a half-day class covering Bureau products and services presented to agency staff
- November 2013 — Presentation on labor market information to the Manchester Professional Networking Group, a group of long-term unemployed professionals

- January 2013 — One-on-one consultation with a New Hampshire State Representative regarding unemployment rates by county, in conjunction with development of legislation
- January 2013 — Overview of Bureau products and services presented to members of the New Hampshire House Labor Committee
- April 2013 — Presentation on *Economic and Workforce Trends in Sullivan and Merrimack Counties* at the Sugar River Bank April Breakfast Forum
- April 2013 — Staff participated in the “21st Century Business Exploration & Career Fair” at Pittsfield High School
- May 2013 — Staff presented the Career Planning Guide and other career-related labor market information to two groups from the PACE Career Academy Charter School who were touring the local One-Stop office to learn about available services
- May 2013 — Interview on local radio station WTPL with the director of the Division of Economic Development on manufacturing trends in New Hampshire
- May 2013 — Bureau staff participation on a discussion panel at Cultural OneStop, an event for board members and senior staff at New Hampshire’s cultural nonprofits, as well as library trustees to address issues related to Charitable Trusts, Employment Security and Labor, Insurance, and Resources and Economic Development
- May 2013 — Presentation to staff of the Division of Economic Development on using LED and OnTheMap
- June 2013 — Bureau staff met with representatives from the New Hampshire National Guard regarding use of geographic information systems and demonstrated LED and the OnTheMap application
- June 2013 — Staff attended the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Annual Workshop in Washington, D.C.

B) Customer Consultations

New Hampshire is a small state, with a single Workforce Investment Board. The Bureau and its customer base are small enough to provide individualized services for most customers. The process of responding to requests for information, discussions with presentation attendees, and informal requests for feedback provide the source for suggestions on improving services and expanding products available.

- During PY 2012, staff responded to over 260 information requests from the public, the media, other state and federal agencies, local government representatives, and state and federal legislators.
- The Bureau participated in the Workforce Information Council's trial of Customer Satisfaction Survey software on the web. ForeSee software was installed on the Bureau's web site to obtain customer feedback on areas such as look and feel, content, navigation, and site performance.

C) Partnerships and Collaborations

Business One-Stop Initiative

Business One-Stop is a web application designed to be a single location for business-related information, making it easier for businesses to interact with all of government and to streamline business transactions. ELMI staff coordinated NHES' involvement in Business One-Stop, and has continued to assist in application design review and testing.

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Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCT) Grant Application. In May 2013, the Bureau responded to a request from a private consultant preparing a grant application for a consortium that includes Manchester Community College. The consortium applied for a grant during Round Three of TAACCT funding. Evidence of the use of labor market information must be demonstrated by all grant applications. The consortium is concentrating on manufacturing technology and mechatronics.

The Bureau had previously worked with this consultant during the successful application for the TAACCT Round One Advanced Manufacturing Grant of \$20 million.

US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Grant

New Hampshire's nine regional planning commissions are in the second year of this three-year grant, which has the goal of assessing issues related to transportation and land use, economic development and resource management, housing, public health, energy, and cultural, historic, and natural resources. By the end of the grant, a growth and development plan specific to each of the nine regions will be prepared. Bureau staff personnel are active members of the Community and Economic Vitality Technical Advisory Subcommittee.

The Bureau will support this effort, under contract, by evaluating economic scenarios based on proposed decisions by each planning region to aid planners in assessing the value of various alternatives. ELMI will utilize New Hampshire's ten-county REMI Policy Insight +[®] econometric model to run outcome scenarios for each of the Regional Planning Commissions.