

Project Update Webinar: Capacity Building

Questions & Answers

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	Question	Answer
Data Protection Toolkit Use Case Analysis		
1	During the interviews, did agencies mention using (or being open to using) AI-based methods to automate the disclosure review?	AI did come up in some of the interviews just generally as a challenge that agencies were facing with disclosure, but not leveraging methods and disclosure review.
Expanding Equitable Access to Restricted-Use Data through Federal Statistical Research Data Centers		
2	Regarding the two issues mentioned, cost of traveling and time frames, is there a sense of how they felt about the timeline issue, and how a virtual option could address that?	<p>Mary Campbell: The focus groups will probably provide more information on this since they directly address the question of timeline, and how that works with different kinds of organizations. As the virtual option currently stands, it does eliminate that travel cost. It does not, however, shorten your project right now. Your time from the beginning of your project to the 1st day that you can release your results would only be shortened if you are working more from home than you were able to work from the lab, so if you are only able to work from the lab, let's say once a month, as opposed to, with virtual access, being able to access every week that might shorten your project duration. All the steps currently to get from beginning to end are the same, whether you are accessing in person, or accessing virtually.</p> <p>Mike Castro: The administrative processes don't really change around virtual access. We talked to researchers who claim about how much of a productivity boon, having virtual access is, and I think that's probably true for certain types of projects. It's going to depend on what your project team composition is and what you're trying to do. We need to do some productivity analyses on the work that's happening in the network, because there are certain teams that are heavily reliant on in person collaboration.</p> <p>Aside from the productivity challenges, you are potentially missing out on some of that networking and learning and some of the stuff that you get for in person. So it is a little bit of a tradeoff outside of productivity.</p>