V. Desired Focus of Comments

As BLS pursues the current and planned engagement and information-gathering activities described above to support development of a new NLSY cohort, BLS is also interested in hearing directly from the public in response to this FRN. BLS is particularly interested in comments and recommendations on the following aspects of the new NLSY cohort:

- Questionnaire content
- Survey methodology
- Sampling
- Data dissemination

The BLS welcomes comments on any aspect of the above areas and is especially interested in comments on:

- Research questions that a new cohort of the National Longitudinal Surveys program would address at different points in the life course.
- The distinctive role of NLSY cohorts among the range of survey and non-survey data sources.
- Factors that inform researchers’ choice of data sources.
- Modifications in the coverage of specific topics compared to previous NLSY cohorts. This could include any gaps in the current data, ‘must keep’ elements in the current data, or elements that are less valuable.
- Uses of data from a new NLSY cohort that BLS should anticipate and prioritize (e.g., training of young researchers, benchmarking specialized samples, policy analysis, cross-cohort comparisons, basic research on human behavior, etc.).
- Design and implementation features of a new NLSY cohort that users will find most valuable (e.g., accessible public use files, frequency of data collection, availability of biometric measures, oversamples of specific populations, linkage possibilities to selected administrative data, ease of use of data, alignment with other surveys, etc.).
- New social and economic trends that are important to consider in designing a new NLSY cohort.
- Any other issues BLS should consider in developing a new NLSY cohort.

In addition, BLS is open to hearing from the public about how to improve its current stakeholder engagement plans to promote equitable and diversified feedback as a new NLSY cohort is developed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and made available at https://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy26.htm.