

# Federal Employment Data Exchange System (FEDES) Fact Sheet

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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 three federal agencies: the Office of Personnel Management (OPM); the Department of Defense, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC); and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

## 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), Department of Defense (DOD), and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

Forty (40) states are currently participating in the FEDES Project: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana,, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

## 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/index.htm>