

APPENDIX I

Consultation Activities for ATES Development

NCES Consultation Activities to Develop the Adult Training and Education Survey

The Adult Training and Education Survey (ATES) is the precursor to the 2022 National Training, Education, and Workforce Survey (NTEWS). The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the Institute of Education Sciences at the U.S. Department of Education has conducted several outside-agency activities from 2009 through 2018 in their development of the ATES. Table 1 delineates a high-level summary of NCES’s ATES planning effort that included a federal interagency working group, three expert panel meetings, focus groups, cognitive interviews, an initial pilot study, a response rate study, a feasibility study, and a final national administration of the ATES.

Table 1. NCES Consultation Activities

Time Period	Activities
12/2009	Interagency Working Group on Expanded Measures of Enrollment and Attainment (GEMEnA) formed to develop a strategy to fill data gaps in our understanding of how “nondegree credentials” interact with education credentials to support skill development. IWG comprised of staff from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census Bureau, National Center for Education Statistics, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, as well as the Council of Economic Advisers, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of the Under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education.
12/2009-7/2010	Focus groups and cognitive interviews for the 2010 Adult Training and Education Survey
9/2010-1/2011	Administration of the 2010 ATES Pilot Test
8/2012-10/2012	Focus groups and cognitive interviews for the 2013 National Adult Training and Education Survey (NATES)
11/2012	First expert panel meeting
1/2013-7/2013	Administration of the 2013 NATES Response Rate Study
5/2013-9/2013	Focus groups and cognitive interviews for the 2014 ATES
12/2013-4/2014	Concept interviews and cognitive interviews for the 2016 ATES
2/2014-8/2014	Administration of the 2014 ATES Feasibility Test for administration within the National Household Education Surveys (NHES) Program
3/2014	Second expert panel meeting
12/2014	Third expert panel meeting
1/2016-8/2016	Administration of the 2016 ATES within NHES
3/2016-5/2016	Cognitive interviews in preparation for the 2017 NHES Web Pilot
2/2017-7/2017	Administration of the ATES within the NHES Web Pilot
5/2017-12/2017	Cognitive interviews for originally planned 2019 ATES administration (see Appendix N for report)
4/2018-8/2018	Cognitive interviews for originally planned 2021 ATES administration (see Appendix N for report)