Review Board Holds First Meeting

The Atlanta RDC is governed by a Review Board consisting of at most two representatives from each Consortium member institution and one representative from a non-Consortium institution. The Review Board held its first meeting on Tuesday, April 26, to hammer out some governance details. Here are the member institution representatives on the Review Board:

Centers for Disease Control: Stacie Greby (sig6@cdc.gov)
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From left to right: Stacie Greby, Ben Druss, Paula Stephan, Jerry Thursby, Jeff Dorfman, Toni Braun, Elana Pesavento, Mike Morrisey, Barry Hirsch, and Warren Brown. Not shown, Diana Hicks.
Paper Chase
All paperwork has been signed, so the ACRDC officially exists!

Construction Contour
A summer 2011 opening for the ACRDC is still the expectation. The construction documents have gone out for bids. Construction is expected to begin in mid-May.

Spotlight on Data
The restricted Kauffman Firm Survey (KFS) data will be available through the RDCs. From the CES website:
The Kauffman Firm Survey (KFS) is a panel study of 4,928 businesses founded in 2004 and tracked over their early years of operation. The panel of businesses was created by using a random sample from Dun & Bradstreet’s (D&B) database list of new businesses started in 2004, which totaled roughly two hundred fifty-thousand such businesses. The KFS oversampled these businesses based on the intensity of research and development employment in the businesses’ primary industries. The survey focuses on the nature of new business formation activity; characteristics of the strategy, offerings, and employment patterns of new businesses; the nature of the financial and organizational arrangements of these businesses; and the characteristics of their founders.

For more information, see the Kauffman Foundation website (http://www.kauffman.org/kfs/).

Proposal Development Progress
Check out the ACRDC web site (aysps.gsu.edu/acrdc) for information and links that facilitate proposal writing. Please keep Julie Hotchkiss posted about proposals being developed and plans to begin writing a proposal.

Emory University:
"Trends in the Determinants of Race/Ethnic disparities in Child Health" by Neil Mehta, Hedy Lee, and Kelly Ylitalo
"The Contribution of Obesity to International Differences in Life Expectancy" by Neil Mehta, Samuel Preston, and Andrew Stokes
Preliminary NCHS approval

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:
"Primary and Secondary Employment Impacts of Local Economic Development Projects" by Christopher Cunningham, Julie Hotchkiss, and Melinda Pitts
"Uncertainty and Financial Frictions" by Tao Zha and Kaiji Chen (Emory)
"The Relationship between Foreclosures and Small Business Survival" by Gustavo Canavire, Karen Leone de Nie, and Myriam Quispe-Agnoli
"When Does Job Loss Lead to Divorce?" by Melissa Ruby Banzhaf
In production
Georgia Institute of Technology:
"Travel Patterns" by Laurie Garrow  
"Industrial Classification of Innovative Firms" by Diana Hicks  

Georgia State University:  
"Response Bias in Earnings in the Current Population Survey"  
by Christopher Bollinger and Barry Hirsch  

Louisiana State University:  
"Assessing the Impact of Misreporting Medicaid Status on Measures of the Uninsured"  
by Dek Terrell  

University of Georgia:  
"How is the Migration of High Skilled Workers Affected by Economic and Non-economic Factors?" by Jeffrey Dorman and Warren Brown  

University of Tennessee-Chattanooga:  
"Higher Education Opportunities and Local Employment Conditions"  
by Michaël Bonnal  

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