

## **TRANSMITTAL # 3**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**October 21, 2003**

**TO:** Workforce Development Council

**FROM:** Roger B. Madsen, Director

**SUBJECT:** Local Employment Dynamics

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information only.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Idaho is one of 15 states selected to participant in a new program that combines census data and traditional labor market information to create a wealth of new information on the local economy.

The Census Bureau supports the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) program working with Idaho and other state partners, to provide new information at the county and sub county level, so that decisions can be made in the right context. The program has information on employment for workers in different industries by age group and gender. It also identifies job location, and earnings for different groups. That provides dynamic information on the rapidly changing economy with information on where jobs are being created and lost, turnover in each industry, and long-term trends.

Data for 2001 is currently available at <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/>. The latest Idaho information can be found by clicking on the QWI map on the right side of the page and then selecting Idaho. By the end of the year, iLMI-- the Idaho Department of Labor's labor market information website-- will have a link and additional information. Idaho has only been involved in this program since January and has only received one set of data. Our website will be continually expanded in the future to provide additional LED information for state and local workforce boards.

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