Research Agenda:
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1) Improve sectoring
   • Move public corporations and quasi-corporations to the private sector
   • Move non-profits serving governments into the government sector

2) In-kind compensation
Public Corporations and Quasi-Corporations

- BEA currently recognizes government enterprises
- Quasi-corporations have three characteristics
  - Recover most or all expenses through sales
  - Maintain their own books
  - Have operational autonomy
- Identification of quasi-corporations
  - Survey
  - “Pragmatic” approximation
Non-profits Serving Governments

• Some serve governments directly
  – e.g., National Governor’s Association and the League of Cities

• Others raise money for government entities
  – e.g., state university alumni boosters
In-Kind Compensation

• Currently includes military meals, uniforms, and Federal transit subsidies
• Research topics include
  – Restaurant meals
  – Tuition subsidies
  – Child care assistance
Data Issues: Restaurant Meals

- Restaurant meals will be part of a BEA-wide effort.
- Trade sources may have estimates of total sales of business meals.
- Federal, state, and local governments will be allocated part of the total.
Data Issues: Tuition

• The U.S. Department of Education conducts surveys of salaries and fringe benefits.
Data Issues: Child Care

- Families and Work Institute, Work Life Study
- Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employee Benefits Survey