

## ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Trends and Patterns of Job Quality in the United States  
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB  
 Influential Scientific Information  
Agency: Economic Research Service  Highly Influential Scientific Assessment  
USDA  
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Subject of Review: Between 2000 and 2021, the mean real wages of U.S. workers grew by percent. However, this growth was distributed unevenly, with real wages of the top 10 percent of earners growing by 26 percent during this period. At the same time, the real wages of the bottom 50 percent grew by only 8 percent. Moreover, the growth in real wages was offset by the declining availability of non-wage benefits provided by employers, including health insurance and retirement benefits. It is thus less clear whether and how job quality – accounting for non-wage benefits as well as wages - has changed for U.S. workers and how such changes in job quality differ across different subpopulations of workers.  
Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.  
Type of Review:  Panel Review  Individual Reviewers  
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):  
Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 5/02/2023 Completed: ---  
Number of Reviewers:  3 or fewer  4 to 10  More than 10  
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists  
Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization  
Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes  No  
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:  
How:  
When:  
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?  Yes  No  
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?  Yes  No