Employer *	University of Ark for Medical Science/ Family Medicine Research
Type of company *	Educational
Contact Person *	Leanne Whiteside-Mansell
Position Title *	Professor
Employer Email *	WhitesideMansellLeanne@uams.edu
Employer Phone Number *	(501) 686-7633
 Please indicate which concentration(s) would be useful to your company * 	Educational Statistics & Psychometrics Quantitative Social Sciences.
2. List the degree required for each job title listed in #1 *	na
3. Indicate the certification/licensure required for each job title listed in #1? *	na
4. How many positions do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	4
5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	not sure
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2-5 years for each job title listed in #1? *	not sure – grant funded
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	depends on degree but varies from data manager at \$40,000 to higher

8. If no openings now, when do you na anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #1?*

9. Would you give hiring preference to yes applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *

9. Would you give hiring preference to Yes applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *

10. Indicate the number of employees 0 who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *

Would you provide tuition assistance? * No

11. Would it be helpful for your Yes employees if the courses were offered online/distance technology, evenings or weekends? *

What is your preference? * Online/Distance technology

Weekends

12. Indicate the type of support your internships company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an

internship site, part-time faculty,

tuition reimbursement, employee

release time, or equipment? *

13. Will you or a co-worker serve on Yes the institution's program advisory committee? * Name of Employee * na Employee Email * na@na.na 14. Indicate the skills individuals would Written/oral communications need for employment in the positions Data analysis listed in #1. * Team work Computer programming Computer applications 15. How will these proposed na concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation? 16. Provide any additional comments na about the proposed concentration(s). * Employer * Bentonville Public Schools Type of company * public school **Contact Person *** Karen Compton Position Title * Director of Testing and Data Mgt. Employer Email * kcompton@bentonvillek12.org Employer Phone Number * (479) 254-5088

1. Please indicate which **Educational Statistics & Psychometrics** concentration(s) would be useful to your company * 2. List the degree required for each job Masters or higher in Ed. Admin., Math, Statistics title listed in #1 * 3. Indicate the certification/licensure certified in Ark. as a teacher or administrator required for each job title listed in #1? 4. How many positions do you 1 currently have for each job title listed in #1? * 5. How many position openings do you 0 currently have for each job title listed in #1? * 6. How many position openings will 1 you have the next 2-5 years for each job title listed in #1? * \$65000-\$90000 7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4?* 8. If no openings now, when do you year or two anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #1? * 9. Would you give hiring preference to yes, if the person was also certified as a teacher/administrator in the state of Arkansas applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? * 9. Would you give hiring preference to Yes applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *

10. Indicate the number of employees 24 who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *

Would you provide tuition assistance? * No

11. Would it be helpful for your	Yes
employees if the courses were offered	
online/distance technology, evenings	
or weekends? *	

What is your preference? *

Online/Distance technology Evenings Weekends

12. Indicate the type of support your perhaps internship company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an internship site, part-time faculty, tuition reimbursement, employee release time, or equipment? *

13. Will you or a co-worker serve on Yes the institution's program advisory committee? *

Name of Employee *

Karen Compton

Employee Email *

kcompton@bentonvillek12.org

14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Supervision/Management Budgeting Written/oral communications Leadership/initiative Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Public Speaking Independent worker Analytical reasoning Problem Solver Teacher/Trainer Computer applications
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation? *	my job is to analyze district and school data to better student achievement. No prospectives with these skills are out there.
16. Provide any additional comments about the proposed concentration(s). *	we need better data analysis skills in ed majors at all levels. perhaps they could take your offerings.

Employer *	Walmart Stores, Inc.
Type of company *	Retail
Contact Person *	Alex Andelman
Position Title *	Director, Walmart eCommerce and Technology
Employer Email *	alex.andelman@walmart.com
Employer Phone Number *	(479) 277-7638
 Please indicate which concentration(s) would be useful to your company * 	Statistics Business Analytics Operations Analytics Computational Analytics
2. List the degree required for each job title listed in #1 *	Usually an undergraduate degree with 2 years of relevant experience; or a master's degree with no experience
3. Indicate the certification/licensure required for each job title listed in #1?	None currently required
4. How many positions do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	Currently none but I have had 2
5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	None, but many exist within the Walmart ecosystem
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2–5 years for each job title listed in #1? *	For the company as a whole, my estimate would be between 100 and 150, depending on movements within the industry
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	\$50,000 - \$65,000
8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #1? *	Hopefully within the next year

9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes, depending on the concentrations and job requirements
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
10. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *	200
Would you provide tuition assistance? *	Yes
11. Would it be helpful for your employees if the courses were offered online/distance technology, evenings or weekends? *	Yes
What is your preference? *	Online/Distance technology Evenings
12. Indicate the type of support your company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an internship site, part-time faculty, tuition reimbursement, employee release time, or equipment? *	The support would most likely be limited to receiving project assignments within the company that would align to the concentration selected by the student.
13. Will you or a co-worker serve on the institution's program advisory committee? *	Yes

Name of Employee *	Alex Andelman
Employee Email *	alex.andelman@walmart.com
14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Data analysis Planning/Organizing Independent worker Analytical reasoning Problem Solver Computer programming Computer applications
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation? *	Having the ability to parse potential candidates on the basis of an accredited program would be very helpful, given the concentrations selected above.
16. Provide any additional comments about the proposed concentration(s). *	My main recommendation would be to include the finer aspects of data mining in the curriculum; specifically, I would like to see that case studies used in the coursework include incomplete data sets or data that must be "cleansed" before it can be used, as this is a common occurence for practitioners. If students are equipped to deal with this data ambiguity, it would greatly enhance their competitiveness in industry.

Employer *	Select Staff
Type of company *	Recruiting Firm
Contact Person *	Brent Carroll
Position Title *	Area VP
Employer Email *	<u>bcarroll@select-staff.com</u>
Employer Phone Number *	(479) 444-6430
 Please indicate which concentration(s) would be useful to your company * 	Statistics Business Analytics Quantitative Social Sciences.
2. List the degree required for each job title listed in #1 *	BS
3. Indicate the certification/licensure required for each job title listed in #1? *	PHR, Master's, BSE
4. How many positions do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	Numerous
5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	Numerous
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2–5 years for each job title listed in #1? *	Numerous
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	\$40-\$85K/yr.
8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #1? *	ASAP

9. Would you give hiring preference to	Yes
applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
10. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *	3
Would you provide tuition assistance? *	Yes
11. Would it be helpful for your employees if the courses were offered	Yes
online/distance technology, evenings or weekends? *	
	Evenings Weekends
or weekends? *	-
or weekends? * What is your preference? * 12. Indicate the type of support your company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an internship site, part-time faculty, tuition reimbursement, employee	Weekends

Employee Email *	<u>bcarroll@select-staff.com</u>
14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Budgeting Written/oral communications Leadership/initiative Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Public Speaking Independent worker Marketing Analytical reasoning Problem Solver Computer applications PowerPoint Presentations
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation? *	We are in such dire need of talent in this market to be able to find a source of employees that have the basics that can be trained and shaped into the leaders of our companies tomorrow would save incalculable amounts of money and
16. Provide any additional comments about the proposed concentration(s). *	keep local people local. Stronger presentation and reasoning skills are major need in this market. People who are able to think on their feet, and people who can anticipate future needs of the plant and the area.
Employer *	Dillard's, Inc.
Type of company *	Retail
Contact Person *	Seth Borin
Position Title *	Manager, Supply Chain Analytics

Employer Email *	seth.borin@dillards.com
Employer Phone Number *	(501) 455-6467
1. Please indicate which concentration(s) would be useful to your company *	Statistics Business Analytics Operations Analytics Computational Analytics
2. List the degree required for each job title listed in #1 *	BS Industrial Engineering or equivalent
3. Indicate the certification/licensure required for each job title listed in #1? *	N/A
4. How many positions do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	5
5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	2
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2–5 years for each job title listed in #1? *	5
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	N/A
8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #1? *	Adding 3-4 per year
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes

2
No
No
Evenings
N/A
Yes
Seth Borin
seth.borin@dillards.com
Interpersonal communications Supervision/Management Written/oral communications Leadership/initiative Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Public Speaking Independent worker Conflict resolution Analytical reasoning

	Problem Solver Teacher/Trainer Computer programming Computer applications PowerPoint Presentations
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation? *	There is a strong need for candidates with the technical skills to draw insights from data and the communication skills to present them to decision makers from various backgrounds.
16. Provide any additional comments about the proposed concentration(s). *	N/A

Employer *	J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.
Type of company *	Transportation
Contact Person *	Gary Whicker
Position Title *	SVP, Engineering & Enterprise Services
Employer Email *	gary_whicker@jbhunt.com
Employer Phone Number *	(479) 820-8143
1. Please indicate which concentration(s) would be useful to your company *	Statistics Business Analytics Operations Analytics Computational Analytics Educational Statistics & Psychometrics Quantitative Social Sciences.
2. List the degree required for each job title listed in #1 *	A minimum of a bachelors is required for most of our J.B. Hunt analytical roles.
3. Indicate the certification/licensure required for each job title listed in #1? *	No certification or licensure is required.
4. How many positions do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	50-100 roles in the company would be filled by people with this degree emphasis.
5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #1? *	Approximately 5 positions are currently open requiring these capabilities
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2–5 years for each job title listed in #1? *	Annually, approximately 15 – 20 per year. Over a 2 year period, 40. Over a 5 year period, 100 such roles.
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	Average would be approximately \$65,000.

8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #1? *	2015
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
10. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *	100
Would you provide tuition assistance? *	Yes
11. Would it be helpful for your employees if the courses were offered online/distance technology, evenings or weekends? *	Yes
What is your preference? *	Online/Distance technology Weekends
12. Indicate the type of support your company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an internship site, part-time faculty, tuition reimbursement, employee release time, or equipment? *	Internships, tuition reimbursement

13. Will you or a co-worker serve on	Yes
the institution's program advisory	
committee? *	

Name of Employee *	Gary Whicker
Employee Email *	gary_whicker@jbhunt.com
14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Written/oral communications Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Analytical reasoning Problem Solver Computer programming Computer applications
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation? *	Increasingly the ability to analyze data and garner key insights to improve decisions will drive competitiveness. This will stimulate the local businesses, providing economic growth for the communities in Arkansas and surrounding regions.
16. Provide any additional comments about the proposed concentration(s). *	J.B. Hunt fully supports this degree program and sees benefit from increasing the statistical and analytical talent base in Arkansas.

Employer *	CCF Brands LLC
Type of company *	Food Distribution
Contact Person *	Sandy Sullins
Position Title *	SVP Human Resources
Employer Email *	ssullins@ccfbrands.com
Employer Phone Number *	(479) 464-0544
1. Please indicate which concentration(s) would be useful to your company *	Statistics Business Analytics Operations Analytics
2. List the degree required for each concentration listed in #1 *	BS in Business Administration BSBA, MBA
3. Indicate the certification/licensure required for each concentration listed in #1? *	Business Analytics Certifiation or Business Analytics Certificate; Certificate in Statistics; Finance and/or Economics Certificate
4. How many positions do you currently have for each concentration listed in #1? Please list titles. *	2 Business Analytics and Statistics 1 Operational Analysis 1 Retail Sales Statistics; 1 VP Business Strategy
5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #4? *	0
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2–5 years for each job title listed in #4? *	1–2
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	Business Analytics \$55,000- \$60,000; Operational Statistics \$60,000; VP Business Strategy \$100,000
8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #4? *	Business Analytics mid to end of 2016

9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
10. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *	4
Would you provide tuition assistance? *	No
11. Would it be helpful for your employees if the courses were offered online/distance technology, evenings	Yes
or weekends? *	
	Online/Distance technology Evenings
or weekends? *	
or weekends? * What is your preference? * 12. Indicate the type of support your company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an internship site, part-time faculty, tuition reimbursement, employee	Evenings Internship; some tuitiion reimbursement and employee

Employee Email *	noone@gmail.com
14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Budgeting Written/oral communications Leadership/initiative Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Independent worker Analytical reasoning Problem Solver
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation?	The region of NW AR is considered a "vendor community" supporting Wal–Mart (our company is among those) and a part of our role is to be able to supply products in a cost effective and efficient manner so we rely a great deal on analytics and business planning strategy. We are one of the smaller companies in the vendor community so I can only imagine that other companies needs for applicants with specific analytical skills is greater than ours. We have been experiencing some growth with recent economical improvement.
16. Provide any additional comments about the proposed concentration(s). *	I would just emphasize the importance of internship along with the concentrations I have mentioned as it allows for actual application of the skills learned which is very helpful to employers to have someone that can demonstrate practical skills from the beginning.

Employer * APAC-Central, Inc	
Type of company *	Heavy Highway/Infrastructure/Aggregates Production firm
Contact Person *	Rick Evans
Position Title *	Senior Human Resources Manager
Employer Email *	richard.evans@apac.com
Employer Phone Number *	(479) 587-3356
 Please indicate which concentration(s) would be useful to your company * 	Statistics Business Analytics Operations Analytics
2. List the degree required for each concentration listed in #1 *	Accounting, Business, Human Resources, Sales, Procurement, IT, Operations Management, Civil Engineering, Mining Engineering
3. Indicate the certification/licensure required for each concentration listed in #1? *	SPHR/SHRM-SCP, Certified/Professional Engineer, etc.
4. How many positions do you currently have for each concentration listed in #1? Please list titles. *	Engineer's In Training – 2, Sales Representative – 1
5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #4? *	Engineer's In Training – 2, Sales Representative – 1
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2–5 years for each job title listed in #4? *	Engineer's In Training – 10 to 12; Sales Representatives – 4, HR Generalist – 2, Accounting – 2, Procurement – 1, IT – 1

7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	EIT's – @ \$50K to \$65K starting, Sales Rep's – @\$35K to \$45K starting, HR Generalist @\$35K to \$45K, Accounting – @40K to 45K starting, IT – @\$35 to \$45K starting.
8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #4? *	In the coming 2 – 5 years.
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
10. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *	22
Would you provide tuition assistance? *	Yes
11. Would it be helpful for your employees if the courses were offered online/distance technology, evenings or weekends? *	Yes
What is your preference? *	Online/Distance technology Evenings Weekends
12. Indicate the type of support your company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an internship site, part-time faculty,	Tuition reimbursement

tuition reimbursement, employee release time, or equipment? *	
13. Will you or a co-worker serve on the institution's program advisory committee? *	Yes
Name of Employee *	To Be Determined Later
Employee Email *	richard.evans@apac.com
14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Supervision/Management Budgeting Written/oral communications Leadership/initiative Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Public Speaking Independent worker Conflict resolution Marketing Analytical reasoning Problem Solver Teacher/Trainer Computer applications PowerPoint Presentations
 15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation? 	More highly skilled employees should enable us to better compete for available work, and then perform better allowing us to be successful as a team. Which would enable us to offer higher compensation to our employees. The state of Arkansas should benefit as well as our overall national economy and

our ability to compete in the marketplace and be competitive world-wide.
N.A.
University of Arkansas
Higher Education
Michele Burns
Director of Classification and Compensation
<u>tmburns@uark.edu</u>
(479) 575-4824
Statistics Biological Analytics Business Analytics Operations Analytics Computational Analytics Educational Statistics & Psychometrics Quantitative Social Sciences.
Typically at least a masters degree
Varies/NA
Unknown

5. How many position openings do you currently have for each job title listed in #4? *	Unknown
6. How many position openings will you have the next 2–5 years for each job title listed in #4? *	Unknown
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	ΝΑ
8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #4? *	NA
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
10. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *	400
Would you provide tuition assistance? *	Yes
11. Would it be helpful for your employees if the courses were offered online/distance technology, evenings or weekends? *	Yes
What is your preference? *	Online/Distance technology Evenings

12. Indicate the type of support your company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an internship site, part-time faculty, tuition reimbursement, employee release time, or equipment? *	Tuition discount and employee release time
13. Will you or a co-worker serve on the institution's program advisory committee? *	Yes
Name of Employee *	Unknown
Employee Email *	<u>tmburns@uark.edu</u>
14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Budgeting Written/oral communications Leadership/initiative Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Public Speaking Independent worker Conflict resolution Analytical reasoning Problem Solver Teacher/Trainer Computer applications PowerPoint Presentations
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local	Increase math and analytical skills in the local community that will help meet issues related to skills gap for higher level jobs.

community, the state, region or nation?

16. Provide any additional comments NA about the proposed concentration(s). * Employer * Simmons Type of company * **Food Production Contact Person * Beverly Morrison** Position Title * Sr. Recruiter Employer Email * beverly.morrison@simfoods.com **Employer Phone Number *** (479) 238-2678 1. Please indicate which Statistics concentration(s) would be useful to **Business Analytics** your company * **Operations Analytics** Quantitative Social Sciences. 2. List the degree required for each Bachelors, master's preferred concentration listed in #1 * 3. Indicate the certification/licensure NA required for each concentration listed in #1? * 4. How many positions do you Sr. Financial Analyst currently have for each concentration listed in #1? Please list titles. * 5. How many position openings do you 1 currently have for each job title listed in #4? *

6. How many position openings will you have the next 2-5 years for each job title listed in #4? *	20
7. What is the annual salary for each position listed in #4 ? *	\$80 t \$90K
8. If no openings now, when do you anticipate having openings for the positions listed in #4? *	NA
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	yes
9. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed concentration(s)? *	Yes
10. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed concentration(s)? *	100
Would you provide tuition assistance? *	Yes
11. Would it be helpful for your employees if the courses were offered online/distance technology, evenings or weekends? *	Yes
What is your preference? *	Online/Distance technology
12. Indicate the type of support your company will provide for the proposed concentration(s) and program, such as, program start-up funds, provide an	internship, tuion reimbursement

internship site, part-time faculty, tuition reimbursement, employee release time, or equipment? *	
13. Will you or a co-worker serve on the institution's program advisory committee? *	Yes
Name of Employee *	Beverly Morrison
Employee Email *	beverly.morrison@simfoods.com
14. Indicate the skills individuals would need for employment in the positions listed in #1. *	Interpersonal communications Budgeting Written/oral communications Leadership/initiative Data analysis Team work Planning/Organizing Independent worker Conflict resolution Analytical reasoning Problem Solver Computer applications
15. How will these proposed concentration(s) benefit your local community, the state, region or nation?	These concentrations will better prepare our current students to be more competitive in the current job market, as well provide a work force that will attract employers to locate their businesses here.
16. Provide any additional comments about the proposed concentration(s). *	na