**Assessment of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership**

In late 2013, the Urban Institute (UI) commissioned an assessment of the last decade’s work of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP). The assessment will be conducted by Pat Auspos from the Aspen Institute’s Roundtable on Community Change and is supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

**What are the main questions the assessment will answer?**

Aspen will assess how well NNIP as a network has met its goals to:

* Strengthen local capacity to use data for a range of purposes, including policy, program planning, advocacy and community engagement
* Inform local and national policy based on lessons from local experience , and
* Build national support for community information systems

**What are the components of the assessment?**

* Aspen is conducting an online survey of all partner staff members who are familiar with NNIP in *all* partner organizations.
* Aspen will conduct in-depth interviews with selected partner staff in Spring 2014.  The partner staff who will be interviewed will represent a mix of professional experiences, organization sizes, lengths of time in NNIP, and institutional settings.
* The assessment will also include interviews with UI staff, funders of NNIP, and colleagues from national organizations.

**What will the assessment be used for?**

* The final report is expected to be published in September 2014, and its findings will be discussed among the partnership in the fall.
* UI/NNIP staff and the NNIP Executive Committee will use the results to shape the network plans for 2015 to 2020. The plans will outline the major categories of activities and discuss how the network operations should manage growth.
* The findings will also assist current and potential funders who are considering ongoing and new investments in the network.