



November 2022 Newsletter

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Don Boyd

Don is Co-Director of the State and Local Government Finance Project at Rockefeller College, SUNY Albany, and a consultant, Open Source Policy Center.

Boyd continued or completed work on the following projects in November:

- Review of potential tax revenue impact and related issues stemming from office building vacancies in San Francisco, for a private foundation.
 - Analysis of housing insecurity trends and patterns in New York state, for a fiscal analysis organization.
 - Analysis of budgetary spending related to homelessness in San Francisco, for a private foundation.
 - Analysis of tax revenue options for a large transportation public authority.
 - Kicked off a project to monitor changes in migration and work-location choices in New York city and state, and potential tax-base implications, for a nonprofit budget watchdog.
 - Background research on emerging trends that will affect state budgets, including natural disasters, demographic changes, and technological changes, for a large nonprofit organization.
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Jason DeBacker

Jason is an Associate Professor of economics at the University of South Carolina and a core maintainer of the open source models [Cost-of-Capital-Calculator](#), [Tax-Calculator](#), and [OG-USA](#), which model business taxes and macroeconomic effects of tax policy, respectively.

- Received a request for revisions on a paper submitted to the *National Tax Journal*
- Revised a proposal for access to the Census Research Data Center in Atlanta
- Added a calibration of the informal sector of the economy to OG-MYS
- Developed a module to use UN Demographic projections in OG-Core based models

Jonathan Pycroft

Jon is an economic modeler and public finance economist based in Seville, Spain. He has experience building and working with computable general equilibrium models, overlapping generations models, and microsimulation models of tax and pension policies in Europe and Africa.

- Presented to a delegation from the Romanian Ministry of Finance about options for economic modelling.
- Produced further simulations for the European Commission regarding options for EU-wide corporate tax reforms.
- Finalised report for the European Commission simulating EU pension reforms.
- Started a new project to incorporate idiosyncratic risk into an overlapping generations model.