

## Mapping The Landscapes CE/PD Needs Assessment Survey Frequently Asked Questions

**What is this survey about?** Although Continuing Education or Professional Development (CE/PD) is clearly valued across libraries, archives, and museums, little common data across the three fields is currently benchmarked, collected or circulated about professionals' CE/PD needs. This has created gaps in knowledge and documentation, leaving some potential collaborative CE/PD opportunities unknown.

This *Mapping the Landscapes* project is the first comprehensive effort that spans across America's library, archives, and museum sectors to establish a national dataset of professional competencies and benchmarks, attitudes toward CE/PD, engagement patterns, and drivers and barriers for participation.

The information collected through this project will advance efforts to make CE/PD more relevant, accessible, and effective in supporting the professional development of you and your colleagues.

**Who is conducting the survey?** This survey is a joint effort of the Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums ("Coalition"), the Educopia Institute, and TrueBearing Consulting, funded through a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

**Why me?** We are attempting to make this survey available to as many library, archives, and museum professionals as possible, in order to better understand CE/PD needs across the wide diversity of people, communities, and professional contexts across the nation. In order to have the clearest understanding of the needs and attitudes towards CE/PD held by professionals like you, working in settings like yours, **your participation is vital.**

**Is my participation confidential?** Individually (or Personally) identifiable information will not be published, or shared outside the project research team. No efforts will be made to identify individual organizations or people through this project and Internet Protocol (IP) addresses will not be collected. All reports, dashboards, articles or summaries that come from this survey will be limited to aggregated information and non-identifying responses that cannot be associated with any particular individual.

**How long will this take?** The time required to complete the *Mapping the Landscapes* survey will take less than 20 minutes for most, although it varies from person to person. You can complete it in one session, or you can return to the survey later by using the same computer and web browser.

**How do I benefit?** The results of this survey should benefit all CE/PD learners by providing a vibrant knowledge source for the participating library, archives, and museum fields that can inform curriculum development efforts at national, professional, and local levels. If you are interested in learning more, a summary of survey results will be published at the project's

website (<https://educopia.org/research/mapping-the-landscapes>).

The survey will be available from March 1 through March 24, 2016. Thank you for your interest and support of your profession. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Dr. Nathan Brown, Project Research Lead at [nathan@truebearingconsulting.com](mailto:nathan@truebearingconsulting.com).