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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The current support environment for community economic development encourages practitioners to measure the impact of their efforts. The intense competition for scarce resources for community economic development forces community-based development organizations to justify their activities in ways not requested a short 5 years ago. Some of the trends, matrices, and indicators purporting to increase impact are no more than make-work activities that give comfort to funders that their investments are justified. Yet performance matrices and indicators, if constructed and used wisely, cannot and should not be dismissed as valuable tools for advancing the field.