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Under Fosler's direction as chief economist, The Conference Board assumed the development and dissemination of the Leading Economic Indicators from the U.S. Department of Commerce; developed a broad-based program in productivity, labor force dynamics, and innovation; significantly broadened the global scope of its indicators; and founded its China Center for Economics and Business. The Wall Street Journal has twice named the widely quoted Fosler America's most accurate economic forecaster.

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