

## **SDC Conference Call Notes 10/11/2005**

Agenda items for this call:

- ACS User Guide
- Schedule of Meetings for 2006
- Update on potential media training for Spring Conference
- SDC Annual Meeting evaluations

### **ACS User Guide**

A user guide for the ACS has been developed and is under review by the Bureau. Development is planned for a technical document to be concurrently released with the user guide. No expected release date as yet.

Since the guide to the ACS is not yet available but hopefully will be soon, these are two documents you may want to use. George Hough mentioned this one from HUD in his session in September:

[http://www.huduser.org/Publications/pdf/ACS\\_FINAL\\_REPORT.pdf](http://www.huduser.org/Publications/pdf/ACS_FINAL_REPORT.pdf) (esp. first 24 pages)

ACS staff recommend this document from Population Reference Bureau:

[http://www.prb.org/Template.cfm?Section=PRB&template=/Content/ContentGroups/Population\\_Bulletin/The\\_American\\_Community\\_Survey.htm](http://www.prb.org/Template.cfm?Section=PRB&template=/Content/ContentGroups/Population_Bulletin/The_American_Community_Survey.htm)

### **Media Training**

Media training is on the schedule for the Spring Conference. Jacque Mason is scheduled to conduct a 4-hour training session to help SDC's field media questions. This session will take place on Monday, March 27, 2006 from 8:30-12:30 giving interested parties the chance to attend.

### **Schedule of Meetings for 2006**

February 8-10	SDC Steering Committee Meeting
March 27 & 28	Spring SDC/FSCPE Conference in Los Angeles
June 13-15	SDC Steering Committee Meeting
October 11-13	SDC Annual Meeting

Agenda ideas and suggestions for both the February Steering Committee meeting and the Spring Conference need to be submitted to CLO by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Evaluations from the SDC Annual Meeting**

Some discussion took place on the purpose and usefulness of the current survey instrument used to gather feedback on the individual sessions of the SDC Annual Meeting. The SDC Steering Committee will solicit examples of feedback forms used by SDC members in hopes to transform the current evaluation into one that focuses on content rather than a critique of the presenter.