

SDC Conference Call Notes November 1, 2005

Agenda items for this call:

- ACS Group Quarters
- SDC News Archive
- LUCA Update from Linda Franz
- Conference call with Census Privacy Office
- Feasibility of remote meetings
- March meeting planning

Group Quarters

Bob Scardamalia expressed concern that group quarters with 400 or less residents are not certain to be included in ACS samples for 5-year averages. Sample groups of 10 are based on a GQ's measure of size. This measure of size is determined by the expected population in the GQ divided by 10 giving facilities with less than 400 residents a measure of 40 or less.

News Archive

Carol Rogers initiated a discussion for a news archive. This would be a way for SDC members to record their interviews or articles that appear in the media or to browse the entries submitted by others in the network. Specific details such as the name of the paper (or media outlet), city, state, URL (if available online), and a short abstract could be entered via a web form. An archive of this information could not only provide a way to track the use of census materials in smaller media outlets but would also provide a way to check out census items the media in other states are featuring.

LUCA Update

Linda Franz joined the conference call to provide an update on LUCA. Partner states Indiana and Wisconsin have begun the pilot review. The original deadline for the completion of the review was November 19th. Since neither state will be able to complete the review in this time period, they will submit the results that are complete by the deadline but continue to review the remaining areas. The LUCA evaluation is expected to be complete by the end of the calendar year with a summary of the results available shortly thereafter.

Conference Call with Census Privacy Office

A teleconference has been scheduled between the SDC Steering Committee and the Census Privacy Office to take place on November 7, 2005. The purpose of the call is to open a dialogue on the challenges of maintaining and strengthening public confidence in the Census Bureau.

Remote Meetings/Training

Bob Scardamalia recently attended a remote meeting using WebX on the Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP). Bob remarked that this was an interesting and effective use of technology, but it does require specific technology on the receiving end. For small groups of 10-12 people, Carol Rogers has used Microsoft LiveMeeting to successfully conduct remote training.

March Meeting

Planning for the March meeting (March 27-28) in Los Angeles is underway. The logistics of conducting concurrent breakout sessions for SDC specific topics is being investigated. If you have any suggestions for topics, please communicate these to Renee Jefferson-Copeland by November 9th.