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## State Data Center Conference Call Meeting Minutes January 9, 2007

The conference call meeting commenced at 2:00 pm EST with all steering committee members participating, except Richard Rathge, Julie Hoang, and the CIC (Census Information Center) liaison Howard Shih. Jeri A. Green, Renee Jefferson-Copeland, Frank Ambrose, and Barbara LaFleur joined the conference call for the Customer Liaison Office (CLO).

### The agenda items for this conference call were:

- Federal Register (Vol. 72, No. 2), Thursday, January 4, 2007
- Clearinghouse Website
- LUCA Training
- February Steering Committee Meeting
- Mid -Year Meeting
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### *Federal Register - (Vol. 72, No 2), Thursday, January 4, 2007*

The steering committee reviewed the American Community Survey (ACS)-related Federal Register notice and determined that a response was not needed.

### *Clearinghouse Website*

Carol Rogers mentioned that current census-related congressional activities are available through links on the clearinghouse website at: [www.sdcbidc.iupui.edu/census/legislation.html](http://www.sdcbidc.iupui.edu/census/legislation.html). Please let Carol know of any state census legislative activities / bills, so she can post this information on the Clearinghouse website.

### *LUCA Training*

Some of the Census Bureau Regions are starting to schedule the promotional training for LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses). After states respond to Frank on their level of involvement, in response to the e-mail from CLO on December 28, 2006, this information will be shared with all Regions to set up train-the-trainer sessions. A reminder notice will be sent from CLO to state leads to complete the involvement worksheet extending the January 12, 2007 deadline to January 19, 2007.

As a reminder, there are two types of training sessions that will be conducted by the Regions for LUCA, promotional and technical. It is the promotional training that will begin in February 2007. CLO will attempt to find out how many promotional and technical training sessions are budgeted for in each state by each Regional Office.

Some steering committee members also strongly suggested that the Bureau allow for an earlier start for technical training due to the need for local governments to prepare data and the likelihood of absences during the summer months, primarily in July and August.

In trying to promote LUCA for 2010, states were wondering about the level of involvement by local governments for 2000. Some steering committee members remembered that there were reports that were shared with some states that detailed the number of local governments that participated in LUCA and their level of activity (adds, deletes, corrections). CLO indicated that they would try to see if they can find the old reports.

### ***February Steering Committee Meeting***

Frank Ambrose will pull together a preliminary agenda for this meeting by the end of this week for the steering committee to review.

### ***Mid-Year Meeting***

#### ***Agenda***

A subcommittee chaired by Annette Watters was formed to work on the agenda for the Mid-Year Meeting. Renee Jefferson-Copeland will take the lead for CLO. Other subcommittee members are Carol Rogers, Xan Wedel and Pam Schenker. The meeting is set for Monday March 26, 2007 through 12:30 pm on Wednesday March 28, 2007 in New York City.

#### ***Promotion***

Once the agenda is set, then the subcommittee can work on promoting the meeting. The last time the meeting was held in New York City was in 1999, and there were 25 representatives from 13 states (but in this year there were 2 mid-year meetings - one in the west and one in the east). Last year's Mid-Year was in Los Angeles with 25 attendees from 15 states.

This Mid-Year Meeting will be a chance for states to get an update on LUCA and to get involved with the LUCA process that will be underway.

### ***Old Business:***

#### ***Annual Report***

The Customer Liaison Office (CLO) will review the data that are collected on the annual report form to determine what information is needed by their office. The steering committee agreed that most states typically need the total number of requests, but not the level of detail that is needed by CLO.

#### ***Press Contacts***

The SDCs will not be able to receive a listing of the media contacts by state that have access to the embargoed data. CLO reiterated that the SDCs can discuss the embargoed data with the media, but never share data with them. Also, do not discuss the data with the media unless you are certain they have the Census Bureau's approval to access the embargoed data. If you are uncertain if the media contact that you are working with has this approval, you should call the Census Bureau's Public Information Office desk - 301-763-3691 OR Megan Kindelan, Media Specialist - 301-763-2820.

#### ***2007 Annual Meeting***

Frank Ambrose mentioned that the SDC annual meeting will be October 10-12, 2007. The meeting will be at headquarters and the Census Bureau is working on the hotel location. Unfortunately the Embassy Suites in Old Towne Alexandria will not give the Bureau the "government rate" for this meeting.

### ***Other New Business***

#### ***Advanced Query***

Fiscal year 2007 funding is not available for modifications to Advanced Query (AQ) system nor are there plans to add additional data to the current system. The next opportunity to consider changes to the AQ system is under the DADS II Contract. On January 9, 2007, the DAD's staff released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the DADS II Contract that includes an option to submit a price and technical proposal for the AQ replacement as part of the overall DADS II Contract bidding process. For more details, please refer to page 38 in section C6 of the document link provided below; note that the DADS II AQ option includes the American Community Survey Data.

<http://www.census.gov/procur/www/dads2/section%20c%2008jan07%201250pm%20with%20tracking%20on.pdf>

The evaluation of these bids will take place over the next 6 months with a contract award in September 2007

#### ***Staffing Changes***

Renee Jefferson-Copeland mentioned that there were some staffing changes at the Bureau. Jay Waite is now Acting Deputy Director; Marvin Raines, Associate Director for Field Operations has retired; and Al Pfeiffer from the Geography Division has also retired.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm EST.