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SDC Steering Committee Conference Call May 9, 2006

Agenda Items:

- New Assistant to the Associate Director of Communications
- Case Studies
- 2010 Memorandum series
- ACS PUMS request
- Midyear Meeting Evaluations
- Agenda for June Meeting
- Online training

It was announced that Jay Keller will take the place of Jacque Mason as the new Assistant to the Associate Director of Communications.

CLO is soliciting information to put together an informational pamphlet with case studies involving the use of Census data. This product would be similar to the CIC/Census publication "Using Census Data to Help Local Communities: Census Information Centers at Work" (<http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/clo-03cic.pdf>). The SDC Steering Committee will work with CLO on a template for collecting information for approximately 10 case studies. The deadline for submitting case studies to CLO is August.

Bob Scardamalia requested that the SDC be included in the 2010 Memorandum mailing list. Frank Ambrose looked into this request and reported that these memos are not intended for external use. CLO will begin providing the SDC Steering Committee with a list of the titles and general summary of each memo. If there is interest in any particular memo, CLO will then request it for public distribution.

Julie Hoang has communicated with Lisa Blumerman regarding the need for an expanded ACS PUMS sample. Julie made the case that in the absence of the 5% sample there is a critical need for at least a 2.5% sample. She has not had a response as yet. Further discussion ensued on making this a formal request from the SDC. Annette Watters will draft a letter based on Julie's email for Steering Committee review.

Evaluations from the midyear meeting were discussed in detail. It was suggested that the evaluations for the annual meeting be available both in paper for submitting at the conclusion of the meeting and online to collect feedback after the meeting.

A brief discussion of the June agenda resulted in moving the Joint CIC/FSCPE/SDC Dialogue Session from Thursday to Wednesday to encourage greater participation.

Barbara LaFleur is working on online training. A web site is in progress to serve as a portal for online training resources. The site currently contains three PowerPoint presentations which Barbara is working toward converting to streaming video for an easier user experience.