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### State Data Center Conference Call Meeting Minutes November 14, 2006

The conference call meeting commenced at 2:00 pm EST with all steering committee members or their representatives present. Joe Nishio represented Julie Hoang. Jeri A. Green, Frank Ambrose and Barbara A. LaFleur joined the conference call for the Customer Liaison Office (CLO) as did Howard Shih, the liaison from the Census Information Centers (CICs).

The agenda items for this conference call were:

- Clearinghouse Website
- Annual Report
- SDC/BIDC Mission Statement
- LUCA
- Evaluations from Annual Meeting
- Mid-March Meeting
- 2007 Annual Meeting
- CIC Liaison
- Other Business

#### *Clearinghouse Website*

Carol Rogers informed the group that the site was ready to go and that she would be putting it up and sending out an announcement regarding the new site (new features, upcoming features, etc.). The new website link is: [www.sdcbidc.iupui.edu](http://www.sdcbidc.iupui.edu).

#### *Annual Report*

Renee Jefferson-Copeland had requested at the annual meeting in October 2006 that the steering committee look at the annual report survey questions and make recommendations on those questions that could be eliminated and others that should be added. The steering committee will review the survey form and discuss suggested revisions to the questionnaire at the next monthly meeting.

#### *SDC/BIDC Mission Statement*

The mission statement that is on the Bureau's website does not reflect the new mission statement that is in the SDC Program Guide. The new mission is broader and more clearly reflects the role of the SDC/BIDC. Barbara LaFleur will update the mission statement on the Census Bureau's website.

#### *LUCA*

Jeri Green indicated that the Census Bureau is in the process of preparing a written response to the October 26, 2006 letter sent to Director Kincannon by the steering committee requesting

increased involvement in LUCA. Jeri indicated that the response should be forthcoming and it will lay out areas where the SDCs could participate in LUCA. Jeri was encouraging and indicated that there will be avenues that the SDCs can assist with technical support for LUCA. Once the response letter is received the steering committee will relay to the network ways to assist with LUCA in their state.

### *Evaluations of Annual Meeting*

Frank Ambrose indicated that the evaluations are not quite ready for review by the steering committee, as CLO are still reviewing them. Xan Wedel mentioned that the committee intends to use the results in developing the agenda for the mid-March meeting.

### *Mid-March Meeting*

The mid-March will be held on March 26-27, 2007 in conjunction with the Population Association of America (PAA) meeting in New York at the Marriott Marquis. Information on the PAA meeting and the hotel can be found at <http://www.popassoc.org/meetings.html>. Discussion focused on the possibility of adding a session on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and/or Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, that may center on ACS and/or LUCA. CLO will check on the availability of meeting space for those dates. Any agenda items for the meeting and thoughts on structure should be forwarded to the steering committee for consideration and discussion on the next conference call.

### *2007 Annual Meeting*

Frank Ambrose mentioned that the Association of Public Data Users (APDU) is trying to plan their annual conference and was inquiring as to the dates for the SDC annual meeting. The dates currently under consideration for the SDC annual meeting are October 10-12, 2007 and should be firm soon.

### *CIC Liaison*

Xan Wedel mentioned that Julie Hoang has graciously agreed to be the SDC liaison with the CICs.

### *Other Business*

Stephen Buckner from the Census Bureau's Public Information Office (PIO) joined the call briefly to inform the group that Director Kincannon and Deputy Director Habermann had submitted their resignations. Deputy Director Habermann will be departing on January 3, 2007, while Director Kincannon will stay on until a replacement is confirmed by the Senate. Jeri Green indicated that the resignations should not impact the SDC network/program.

Data from ACS 2005 is still being confused by the media and others with Census 2000. A request was made to ask the Census Bureau to more clearly label that ACS 2005 data is "Household Population" not "Total Population". Jeri Green indicated that she would relay the concern.

The Indiana Business Research Center has developed county profiles that can be skinned by a state in order to put their look and feel on them. Carol Rogers will be sending out information on this to the network. To see these county profiles go to: <http://www.incontext.indiana.edu/index.html> and click on a county from the map on the right.

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