

## **SDC Conference Call Notes December 14, 2005**

Agenda items for this call:

- SDC Guidelines
- ACS
- Consolidated Federal Funds Report
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's)
- Emergency Preparedness Meetings
- U.S. Statistical Abstract
- February Steering Committee Meeting

### **SDC Guidelines**

The updated SDC Guidelines have been sent to all lead agencies. An electronic copy is available on the Census Bureau's web site at: <http://www.census.gov/sdc/www/>. Page 14, will be revised to describe the steering committee as "The Steering Committee is an elected body of nine people from lead or coordinating agencies that represents SDC interests to the Census Bureau."

### **ACS Group Quarters**

ACS will begin collecting data on group quarters in January. A Q&A booklet on the ACS is in production. This booklet will be available in several languages and is meant to assist data users in understanding the basics of the American Community Survey. An ACS User Guide is underway, as well as a technical document, to accompany this survey. Both are expected to be available early next year.

### **Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR)**

The 2004 Consolidated Federal Funds Report is expected to be released on December 27, 2005. This will be the first CFFR to include a full year of data on the Department of Homeland Security. The 2004 data will be added, upon release, to the CFFR online query system, which already contains data from 1993-2003, located at: <http://harvester.census.gov/cffr/index.html>

### **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA's)**

MOA's are due by the end of year. To date, only 25 states have responded. All leads are encouraged to submit their MOA's as soon as possible.

#### ***Embargo Directory***

CLO will change the embargo directory usernames and passwords in February. CLO will send the new codes to the SDC leads that have returned the new 2006 Memorandum of Agreement.

### **Emergency Preparedness Meetings**

The Bureau is conducting meetings to assist communities in planning and preparing for emergencies. These meetings will take place across the country to meet the data needs that await users involved in emergency planning. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held in New York and next week there is a meeting scheduled in Los Angeles. CLO will be calling upon SDC members to assist in the planning and to attend their local meeting.

### **U.S. Statistical Abstract**

The U.S. Statistical Abstract will be going out soon. This publication will be sent to all members of the SDC network.

### **February Steering Committee Meeting**

The February Steering Committee meeting is scheduled to take place February 8-10, 2006. Agenda items for the meeting were discussed.