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State Data Center Conference Call Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The conference call meeting commenced at 3:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time. Most of the steering committee members were present for the call; Pam Harris, Annette Watters, and Bob Scardamalia were unable to attend. Mark Holman represented the CICs. The CLMSO was represented by Lisa Blumerman, Barbara Harris, Frank Ambrose, and Barbara LaFleur. ACS staff that were on the call were Nancy Torrieri, Pamela Klein, and Enid Santanaortiz.

The agenda items for this conference call were:

- Redesign of the SDC and CIC Websites
- Agenda for the 2010 Census National Partnership Conference with CICs/FSCPEs/SDCs
- American Community Survey (ACS) Training
- Rural Statistical Areas (RSA) Project
- LUCA Deadlines
- 2010 Census Content Comments - Federal Register Notice- Volume 73, No. 59, March 26, 2008
- Other Items

Redesign of the SDC and CIC Websites

In response to a request from the SDC steering committee to CLMSO to update the SDC website that is housed at the Bureau with a current listing of the SDC lead and coordinating agency contact information, calendar of events, etc. and the Bureau's effort to have a common look and feel for the website / pages, the Census Bureau is soliciting feedback from the SDCs and CICs. At the 2010 Kick-Off Meeting in New Orleans, the steering committee will be sharing a short questionnaire from the Census Bureau to help guide the Bureau in this effort. Please help us to make this site a tool for the network and the public alike.

Agenda for the 2010 Census National Partnership Conference with CICs/FSCPEs/SDCs

A final agenda for the 2010 Kick-Off Meeting in New Orleans was distributed to the steering committee earlier in the day. The agenda is very full and these upcoming meetings should be extremely informative for everyone.

American Community Survey (ACS) Training

Staff from ACS joined the call to discuss the one-day ACS training session that is proposed for the SDC annual meeting in October. The discussion centered on the possibility of adding concurrent sessions to the training in order to meet the interests and needs of the attendees. The steering committee will be providing more specific suggestions in response to the proposal. The timing of this training is critical due to the release of ACS 2007 data this summer and the first release of 3-year ACS estimates later this fall. This training will also serve as a train-the-trainer, so the SDC attendees can assist the Bureau with the expected demand for analysis, training, and interpretation of these estimates.

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Rural Statistical Areas (RSA) Project

Pamela Klein also discussed the current status of the RSA project. The Bureau has received reports from half of the states that signed up for the project, with the other half due this Friday, April 4th. For the next cycle, the Bureau discussed sending out a notice this summer indicating the proposed time frame for expressing interest in participation and returning signed documents to the Bureau.

LUCA Deadlines

This week's extract of LUCA Geo Entities follow-up files from Geography that will be posted on the secure website on Friday (4/4/08) should have LUCA deadlines for every local government. The issues related to merging the different databases have been resolved and this information can be used by states to notify local governments of their deadlines.

2010 Census Content Comments - Federal Register Notice - Volume 73, No. 59, March 26, 2008

Deadline for response to this Federal Register Notice is May 27, 2008. The steering committee has not fully reviewed this notice at this time, but will discuss it at a future date if needed.

Other Items

With no other items, the conference call ended 3:45pm Eastern Daylight Time.