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**State Data Center
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2007**

The conference call meeting commenced at 2:00 pm EST. Steering Committee members present on the call were: Xan Wedel, Annette Watters, Pam Harris, Richard Rathge, Carol Rogers, Jane Traynham, Tadese Alemu for Julie Hoang, and Sai Mullapudi (CIC Liaison). No staff from the Census Bureau were on the call.

The agenda items for this conference call were:

- Final draft for October annual meeting
- Final drafts of letter to Jay Waite and letter to Congressman Mollohan
- Other items

Planning for October Annual Meeting

Steering Committee members worked through a final draft of the October Annual meeting agenda before sending it on to CLO for review. There was discussion of getting more SDC members involved with presentations for the meeting with specific topics such as ACS 1,3, and 5 year data which could involve a panel of participants who have knowledge of ACS test sites. Xan will make the changes to the final version and will send on to CLO.

Letters to Census Bureau and Congressman

Those on the conference call agreed that the last version of the letters to Jay Waite and Congressman Mollohan were good and Xan said she would have them out in the email and snail mail by the end of the day. The letter to Jay Waite was to thank him for speaking to the Steering Committee members at the June meeting and urge the Bureau to add the LEHD program as a permanently funded line item in the Bureau's budget. The letter to Congressman Mollohan as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, Committee on Appropriations to thank him for his recognition of the importance of complete funding for Census programs.

Other Items

Steering Committee Elections. There has been one nomination for the Steering Committee so far. Deadline is **August 1st, 2007**. Xan will send a reminder email in the middle of July.
Rural Issues Subcommittee. Richard Rathge has agreed to chair a new subcommittee on Rural Issues. More on the nature of this committee will be forthcoming.

Next conference call will be Tuesday, August 7th, 2007.

Conference call ended 2:35pm EST.