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## State Data Center Conference Call Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 1, 2008

The conference call meeting commenced at 3:00 pm Eastern Time. All Steering Committee members were in attendance except Dan Veroff. Mark Holman, CIC representative was also on the call. CLMSO was represented by Frank Ambrose, David Donovan, Barbara LaFleur, and Shanna Cook (summer intern).

The agenda items for this conference call were:

- Scheduling of Strategic Planning Session with Facilitators for the Partnership Plan
- Status of Rural Statistical Areas Project report
- Governor's Liaison Meeting Recap
- Update on LUCA Request
- Status of Fall Conference
- Status of Web Site Revisions
- SDC Network Affiliates Policy

### **Scheduling of Strategic Planning Session with Facilitators for the Partnership Plan**

The Steering Committee recently drafted a Partnership Plan document to send to Dr. Murdock which formulated a plan for the future of the state data center program. This document will be used at a formal, facilitated strategic planning session for the SDC Steering Committee this Fall.

### **Status of Rural Statistical Areas Project report**

The Bureau is working on the Rural Statistical Areas Project report and hopes to have it out to the entire Network the week of July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Governor's Liaison Meeting Recap**

The meeting went very well and it provided the Governor's Liaisons with an overview of the 2010 Census operations. It also allowed the Regional Offices to spend time with the GLs and talk about individual state/regional issues.

### **Update on LUCA Request**

The Steering Committee requested that the Bureau send either copies of the letters that are being transmitted from the regional offices to each local government that details the number of adds, deletes, etc. that the government submitted or a summary report with LUCA follow-up information to the SDCs. This is the Bureau's response.

*"GEO has pondered this request, and concluded that we should not provide copies of the preliminary feedback to the FL SDC or any other SDC that might request it.*

*Although the work to provide copies of the feedback would not be overly burdensome for most RCCs, it would take time away from other critical tasks. The more important consideration, however, is a concern about honoring our partnership relationship with local governments. The Census Bureau works directly with each of our LUCA participating governments individually and one-on-one, and we do not want to deviate from that relationship model by providing feedback on any participant's LUCA submission to other governments. There*

*is a lot of sensitivity on the part of some local governments to these types of issues, and it's clear from the legislative history for the LUCA law (P.L. 103-430) that the intent was for us to keep our dealings with local government partners direct.*

*We appreciate the efforts of the FL and other SDCs on the LUCA program and would like to be able to help with their efforts to document their impact; we hope they will understand how meeting this particular request would create a conflict for us."*

#### **Status of the Fall Conference**

The Fall conference is scheduled for October 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The conference letter should be going out to the Network the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. The planning for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities is still ongoing and CLMSO and Conference staff are looking into a dinner on the first night for everyone in the group. There will also be one lunch where states will meet with CIC representatives and Regional office staff by region. The second day will be a full training day and the training schedule is still in the planning stages.

#### **Status of Web Site Revisions**

The State Data Center web pages on the Bureau's web site are undergoing reconstruction. The web site should be completed by the October meeting. If anyone notices an error on the current web site (wrong name, email address, web site link, etc.) continue to let Barbara LaFleur know and she will see that those corrections are made.

#### **SDC Network Affiliates Policy**

The Steering Committee recently polled the states to find out about how the affiliate network worked in each state. From that informal survey, the Committee decided to approach the Bureau to discuss eliminating the restriction on the number of affiliates per state. The Committee will be drafting a letter that will go to Dr. Murdock, via CLMSO, which will state the Network's concerns and possible solutions.

#### ***Other Items***

With the exception of discussing the dates for the steering committee meetings in February and June 2009, there were no other items for discussion.

Conference call ended 4:00pm Eastern Time.