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State Data Center Conference Call Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The conference call meeting commenced at 3:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time. Xan Wedel, Barbara Ronningen, Jane Traynham, Dan Veroff, and Pam Schenker. Mark Holman represented the CICs. The CLMSO was represented by David Donovan, Frank Ambrose, and Barbara LaFleur.

The agenda items for this conference call were:

- SDC Network Structure
- Partnership Plan
- Census SDC Website
 - Results from survey
 - Next steps
- June Meeting Agenda
- Other Items

SDC Network Structure

The steering committee members will send out a short survey to their tree states to see if the network recommends any changes to the current structure. The committee will review the feedback at the June steering committee meeting.

Partnership Plan

The steering committee has been working on a partnership plan and will continue to work on this at the June steering committee meeting. The Bureau is open to suggestions regarding the future of the SDC network. The partnership plan is loosely based on the ideas behind the SDC Action Plan developed in 1998. The SDC network has evolved over the last 30 years and this document is meant to serve as springboard for new avenues where the SDC network can work with the Census Bureau.

Census SDC Website

CLMSO is working with a committee to ensure that the new site will meet Bureau guidelines and approval. In the interim, the network list will be updated.

June Meeting Agenda

The steering committee suggested some additions to the draft June meeting agenda, including SDC review of ACS data and an update on BAS. The Data Access Tools Panel will discuss and review options for the next generation of Advanced Query, based on needs. The ACS session will also include a recap on the 2007 RSA project in addition to the guidelines for the next round of the project (2008). The ACS Guidebooks may not be available by the June meeting.

Other Items

The committee asked if the latest video "Portrait of America", can be made available on DVD and also with a continuous loop, for promotions. This will be the one that is on the web, not the one that was viewed at the New Orleans Mid-Year meeting.

There will be no conference call in June, as the steering committee will be meeting that day (June 3rd) at headquarters.

Conference call ended 3:30pm Eastern Time