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State Data Center Conference Call Meeting Minutes March 6, 2007

The conference call meeting commenced at 2:00 pm EST with the following participating steering committee members: Xan Wedel, Annette Watters, Pam Schenker, Richard Rathge, and Jane Traynham. The new CIC (Census Information Center) liaison Enrique Lopez was also present. Renee Jefferson-Copeland, Frank Ambrose, and Maria Olmedo joined the conference call for the Customer Liaison Office (CLO).

The agenda items for this conference call were:

- Mid-Year Meeting
- ACS PUMS Letter
- FSCPE Liaison
- 2006 Annual Report
- Future Meeting Dates
- Boundary Annexation Survey (BAS)
- CIC Briefing

Mid-Year Meeting

Annette Watters indicated that the Mid-Year meeting schedule is taking shape and there are currently 25 state SDC representatives registered for the meeting. No major changes were made to the draft agenda, but there are some speakers that are still tentative.

ACS PUMS Letter

Xan Wedel reconfirmed that she emailed the letter to Susan Schechter requesting information on the ACS PUMS sample size. This is the letter that the steering committee had discussed at the February 2007 meeting steering committee meeting at headquarters and recently reviewed.

FSCPE Liaison

The SDC steering committee would like to extend an offer to the FSCPE (Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates) for one of their members to attend the SDC monthly conference calls and brief the SDC steering committee on partnership activities or issues of joint concern. Xan Wedel will contact Linda Gage to discuss this.

2006 Annual Report

CLO is updating the annual report form and should distribute it to the SDC lead agencies in mid-March with a due date of May 1, 2007.

Future Meeting Dates

Frank Ambrose confirmed that the June steering committee meeting will be June 20th-22nd and that the hotel will be the Sheraton - Crystal City. The dates for the Annual Meeting will be October 10th-12th, but a hotel has not yet been determined.

Boundary Annexation Survey (BAS)

CLO stated that Geography (GEO) sent an e-mail message to each SDC lead that agreed to do BAS non-response follow-up noting the URL to download their respective follow-up state files on March 6th. For states where an SDC did not commit to assist with BAS non-response follow-up, assistance was solicited from the state FSCPE representative on February 15th. The FSCPE representatives have until Monday, March 12th to volunteer. If the FSCPE rep does not

volunteer, then the BAS follow-up will be done out of the National Processing Center in Jeffersonville.

CIC Briefing

Enrique Lopez briefed the SDC steering committee on CIC recent steering committee activities. The CIC steering committee discussed their role and visibility and would like to become more involved in Census networks. They would like to be liaisons to other groups and be more integrally involved in Census activities. Renee Jefferson-Copeland mentioned that the CICs should look at the SDC Clearinghouse website, which is a tool that the SDCs use for communication and information sharing.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm EST.