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**State Data Center (SDC)  
Steering Committee Conference Call**

March 9, 2010

2:00 pm EST

**Participants:**

<b>Steering Committee:</b>	<b>Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):</b>
Amy Bittner Pam Schenker Lenny Gaines Sue Copella Barbara Ronningen Chip Sawyer Dan Veroff	Frank Ambrose Nelson Colón Samantha Proctor

**Forms:**

Barbara LaFleur sent forms out to Steering Committee members to solicit edits. These forms will eventually be e-mailed to the SDCs. The forms included the Annual SDC Report and SDC activities for Census 2010. A question was raised about how the data from these forms would be used for, perhaps to help justify the SDCs existence? A follow-up on this question will be pursued.

**Decennial Management Division (DMD) conference call:**

A conference call with DMD occurred on March 2. It was decided that the Steering Committee and DMD would meet again to talk about future planning. The Steering Committee will be working towards a June date to meet with DMD.

**Enhanced Planning Data Base:**

The 3-year American Community Survey (ACS) data provided by DMD was put up on the secure web site by Barbara LaFleur. There is a concern about missing geographies such as county subdivisions and there seems to be no data for towns and townships, only places. CLMSO will check with DMD regarding these missing geographies.

**Summary File (SF1) profiles:**

The Steering Committee needs to seek out SDC members to form a workgroup for the development of SF1 profiles. Names of potential work group participants should be e-mailed Pam Schenker. Individuals that should be contacted include John Blodgett. Julie Hoang and Jane Traynham are working on this endeavor. This topic will be discussed further during the next conference call.

**ACS Workgroup:**

The ACS office is seeking SDC volunteers for two areas of ACS: 1. Investigate improvement to ACS Summary Files and Documentation; and 2. Develop new educational supporting materials. The ACS staff is looking for feedback in these two areas. There will also be members from the Census Information Centers (CIC) and Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates (FSCPE) on this workgroup.

Potential candidates for this workgroup include John Blodgett, Julie Hoang, Lenny Gaines, Sue Copella, and Chip Sawyer.

#### **Road Tour Schedule:**

There are concerns about the lack of information provided in the Road Tour schedule. SDCs do not know where the Road Tour is stopping. CLMSO said that SDCs need to contact their respective Regional Office to get more information about the Road Tour in their Region. If they are unable to accomplish this, contact CLMSO.

#### **Post 2010 Activities:**

One of the post 2010 activities will be an evaluation of Census 2010 from SDCs perspective. This evaluation will include lessons learned. Chip Sawyer and Lenny Gaines will take the lead on this activity. A questionnaire will be constructed for the SDCs to answer.

#### **Update on County Population Estimates:**

The 2009 county population estimates were supposed to be released March 18, 2010. There might be a delay in the release due to the snow storm that shut down the Census Bureau in February. *On March 18<sup>th</sup>, CLMSO sent out an email indicating that the vintage 2009 annual population estimates will be released on March 23.*

#### **Mid-Year meeting:**

The status of the mid-year meeting is still in limbo. Right now, seven people have registered for the meeting. For the meeting to go forward, fifteen registrations are needed. The Steering Committee is holding off on developing an agenda until there are enough registrations. SDCs have until March 11 to send in their registrations. If the mid-year meeting does go through, the Steering Committee will initiate another conference call to finalize an agenda. *By the March 11 deadline CLMSO only received 11 registrations. Frank Ambrose sent out an e-mail to the SDC network notifying the SDCs that the mid-year meeting has been cancelled.*

#### **Stat-USA subscription:**

The Steering Committee placed a request to CLMSO about the SDCs having access to a subscription of Stat-USA. CLMSO is looking into this.

#### **CLMSO updates:**

Gary Chappell is no longer with CLMSO. Colleen Flannery will be temporarily taking over the CIC program. Linda Franz from Geography is retiring and her last day is April 2. Frank will send out note to SDCs about her retirement. On March 10 Director Groves is taking part in a Take 10 challenge.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held June 16-18 at Census Bureau headquarters. There was a request to CLMSO if the Steering Committee members could come in a day earlier. This time would be used for follow up, internal strategic planning, and to prepare for a meeting with DMD. CLMSO could probably do this, they are looking into it.

#### **Other items:**

Where will the list of Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) and Be Counted sites be on the census website? When it goes live, CLMSO will let SDCs know.

A Steering Committee member heard from Geography that there were changes to Census Designated Places (CDP) designation, which possibly involves automatic designation by the Census Bureau without local input. CLMSO will look into this and clarify the issue.

In regards to when the SDCs will receive the ACS data profiles for the Rural Statistical Areas (RSAs), the ACS staff is waiting to send out the information because they have not received amendments to the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) from three states. Once they receive these outstanding amendments, they will send out the new RSA ACS profiles.

The meeting adjourned 3:00 pm EST.