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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call December 12, 2011 3:00 pm EDT

Participants:

<i>Steering Committee:</i>	<i>Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):</i>	<i>Census Information Centers (CIC) Liaison:</i>
Allen Barnes Amy Bittner Bob Coats Sue Copella Mary Craigle Lenny Gaines Randy Gustafson Cliff Holley Pam Schenker	Sam Aherrera Tom Edwards Antoinette Hall Kendall Johnson Francine Krasowska Barb LaFleur Chris Walz	Momi Fernandez

- By-laws Amendment Status: Pam said the by-laws subcommittee has had two conference calls and is nearing completion of a draft of recommendations. Some things go beyond original scope. Bob suggested a 3-year review cycle. Lenny asked if a cycle of by-law reviews every 3 years should be written into the by-laws to make it official. One aspect is not clear in the review process: when to submit proposed rule changes to the network for comment.
- SF2 Profiles: Sue talked to Julie Hoang about it.
- Update on CIC activities: communications tests: Encounter browser issues with Live Meeting. IdeaScale received limited attention from CIC steering Committee. UStream is under consideration because it has Facebook integration capabilities. Looking into Apps to work with DataFerret and data mapping.
- Embargo Status: Lenny sent a letter to Dr. Groves and received acknowledgement. Tom Edwards is point person on interaction with Dr. Groves.
- Meetings
 - o Evaluations of October's Meeting: Lenny asks if a follow-up with the SDC leads is necessary. Pam and Mary will work on it.
 - o February Meeting: Sam presented most recent agenda. Confirmation letters go out to Steering Committee members December 15. Lenny requested more time for SDC Q&A and less for presentations.

- Webinars
 - o What topics? AFF to AFF2 migration underway—no webinars until closer to transition date. Lenny asked for frequent webinars to discuss enhancements to AFF as they are implemented.
- Assisting the Census Bureau with Data Collection
 - o BAS: Barb said non-response follow-up will take place March-May as usual. Lenny asked for Census Bureau to post files for all states, regardless of whether they indicated they will take part, because some states planned to take part, but failed to respond to the request for assistance.
 - o Building Permits: Awaiting information.
- CLMSO Status Reports
 - o Memoranda of Agreement: Sam said CLMSO will update the SDC network this week on status of MOAs. Lenny asked what would happen if SDCs are closed for the holidays and do not return by December 31st? Sam replied it is ok as long as the date on the form is prior to December 31.
 - o Key Census Bureau Staffing Changes: Sam mentioned Burton Reist has been appointed Chief of 2020 Planning and Research.
- Other issues/concerns/etc.
 - o e-learning video specific to small areas. Lenny asked for a link, will be provided to entire SDC Listserv