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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call Tuesday, January 13, 2015 2:00 pm EST

Participants:

Steering Committee (SC):	Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):	Special Guests from Census Bureau:	Census Information Centers (CIC) Liason:
Allen Barnes Amy Bittner Charles Rynerson Dan Veroff Patty Becker Sue Copella	Tom Edwards Toni Hall Barbara LaFleur Terri Nelson	None	Momi Fernandez (for Melanie Poulter)

The meeting started at 2:00 PM EST

SDC Elections

- Six candidates are running for three open positions.
- A BallotBin.com e-mail was sent about the Steering Committee elections to SDC Leads on January 12. Voting is open until February 2.
- Amy will post the candidate bios on Clearinghouse website. She will then send an e-mail through the SDC listserv letting people know the info has been posted.

CLMSO staff joined the call at 2:15.

Update from CLMSO

- There is a new Chief of Decennial Management Division (DMD), Deirdre Bishop, who takes Burton Reist's position.
- Greg Robinson in Pop Division is retiring after 40 years.
- CLMSO is adding some branches to its office including the Advisory Committees, and Partnership and Data Services. [More details in December 2014 notes]

- With Partnership and Data Services coming on board to CLMSO, will there be any changes in the working relationship with the SDCs? What about a liaison to the SDCs? This is a good discussion to have.
- The Current Population Survey (CPS) Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) files were released today.

Building Permits

- Barbara: The Building Permit Survey (BPS) was sent out January 6th. The return date is January 23rd.
- BPS staff will send non-respondent lists to Barb on February 11th. CLMSO will put the lists on the SDC secured server by Friday, February 13th and send a message to SDC Leads to start contacting non-respondents. March 13 will be the deadline for completing the follow-up.
- A suggestion was made to send an e-mail out to Leads giving them a heads up about this project.

Annual Report update

- Fifty-one reports have been returned among 56 that went out. Virginia will not be sending a report, because they do not have a lead office or MOA, and Oklahoma does not have a SDC Lead, so a partial report was returned from OK [included in the 51]. There are four reports missing: N. Mariana Islands, South Dakota, America Samoa, and Virgin Islands.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Steering Committee members asked their Tree States if they had any suggestions for annual meeting topics. Steering Committee members sent CLMSO the responses they received. Barbara has compiled these ideas into one document. After Tom reviews the list, she will send out the compilation to the Steering Committee.

Annual Meeting Update

- Tom: It may be another three weeks before we can get confirmation whether the annual meeting will be in-person or virtually. There is lots of work to do; we need a final answer soon.
- Tom: Kendall is nailing down funding for in-person annual meetings in 2016 and 2017.
- A Boot Camp for new SDC Leads is a priority. It could be virtual; it should take place before the annual meeting.

- The Steering Committee has driven the Boot Camp in the past, planned it, derived the agenda, and presented the information.
- Barb will compile a list of Leads who are eligible for Boot Camp.

CIC Update: Momi Fernandez

- The first CIC newsletter was sent in Fall 2014. Newsletter topics included social media, announcements, a feature on Dr. Juanita Gaston, who is retiring from Florida A&M, and a feature on a symposium at Sitting Bull College.
- Two CICs recently gave presentations via webinars that CICs and SDCs were able to participate in: 1) An overview of the July conference on the impacts of Alternative Questionnaire Evaluation (AQE) on civil rights issues, and 2) Financial security for communities of color.
- The CIC Steering Committee is looking at revising the CIC action plan (strategic plan), and are asking for final comments.
- CICs are looking at QGIS as a replacement for ESRI. In the past, they had been getting free licensing from ESRI, but that relationship is ending. They are also pursuing continued technical training for CICs.

The meeting ended at 3:00 PM EST