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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:00 pm EDT

Participants:

Steering Committee (SC)	Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):	Special Guests from Census Bureau:	Census Information Centers (CIC) Liaison:
Allen Barnes Amy Bittner Bob Coats Charles Rynerson Mary Craigle Suzan Reagan	Lakiva Pullins Tom Edwards Barbara LaFleur Toni Hall Terri Nelson	None	Melanie Poulter

The meeting started at 2:00 PM EDT

Miscellaneous Topics

- Discussion of recent e-mail promoting a webinar on Census Reporter. Interesting that the Census Bureau is collaborating on education for a non-Census Bureau product. Registration for the Census Reporter webinar is already wait-listed.
- Bob: Did anyone get a call from the Census Bureau SDK (Software Development Kit) back in the spring? They were going to open up the Census API to new applications. There is something for urban areas called City SDK, but this new initiative is at the state level. There will be sessions in North Carolina in September around the themes of 1) Economic Development and 2) Emergency Management.

Census Bureau staff joined the call at 2:15 pm.

October Virtual Meeting

- Lakiva: Are there any topics to add to the October meeting agenda?
- Bob: We'd like to hear an update on MAS [Microdata Analysis System].
- Tom [re: MAS]: We are working on getting someone.
- Amy [re: MAS]: During our April Steering Committee meeting there was a mention of six months until external review. Has that timeline changed?

- Mary: I have 3 or 4 topics to send [for the October agenda].
- Send topics to Bob by Wednesday next week.
- Bob: We'd like to hear an update on the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA).
- Tom: Tasha Boone is transitioning from ACS to Decennial. She is interested in coming to speak at the meeting on Wednesday. There are some programs like LUCA that we can follow up on.

2020 Census Preparation

- Barb has been asking [Census Bureau staff] for liaison lists. They have not been updated yet, but she is hoping to send us LUCA and Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) lists within the next few weeks. Tom will send the Governor's Liaison list.
- Amy: It is imperative that the Census Bureau communicate decennial census program and partnership information in a timely manner. For the previous decennial, state and local governments budgeted money for census programs (e.g. LUCA) and partnerships (e.g. Complete Count Committees). State and local governments work on different budget cycles. For example, some states are on a biennial (every two years) schedule, which means budget requests need to be submitted about three years in advance. Also, there are a lot of new SDCs who were not around for the last decennial. [Note: Mary followed up after the meeting with a link to state budget cycles: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/fiscal-policy/budget-cycle.aspx>]
- Tom: Let the Decennial people know about that when we meet with them in October.
- There was a kick-off to the 2010 Census at the mid-year meeting in New Orleans in 2008. The Census Bureau brought in the CICs, SDCs, and FSCPEs. That was the last time that we had a mid-year meeting. Curious what budget that came from.
- Tom: Folks from the Center for Survey Methods came to talk to us about the Planning Database. I will send you the PowerPoint about it, which includes a link to where you can find the 2015 database.

Pending Requests, etc.

- What was the response [of specific Bureau staff who submitted questions for the SDC survey] to the survey results?
- Tom: We need to follow up with those folks again, specifically Marc Perry and Rebecca Blash.
- Results of the SDC evaluation?
- Lakiva: We will get back to you with that.
- Tom: We have some stuff to share, but it needs to be organized. We will send an email.
- Who are the Acting CLMSO Division Chiefs?
- Kim Collier and Neil Tillman, in two week rotations. Kim is leading the SDK work.

- Status of the SDC web page?
- Toni: The internet contractors were pulled to work on another project. Hopefully it will be finished by the end of the month. There has been a change in guidelines of what they can and can't do. There will be changes from what we showed in the demo last October. We will demo to the network when it is ready, before it goes live.
- Is there a list of DDSs by region?
- Tom: We are still working on it. Our colleagues have not finalized the list. When we get it we will share it.
- What about the shared calendar?
- There is a calendar in Microsoft SharePoint that is still used internally only. We'd like to see it go public. We don't know when it would happen but would like it to happen.
- Melanie: Will that include the CICs, too?
- Lakiva: Yes.
- Tom: Buckner said that he would like to make it available.
- Lakiva: We went to Baltimore to visit the Maryland SDC. Even though we have no budget for these visits, we'd like to get out and see people.
- Amy: Keep other states in mind. Each SDC is different.
- Bob [Re: the Census Reporter webinar] The invitation was sent at midnight last night. I was able to sign up this morning, but Pam was wait-listed. People in western states were even less likely to be able to sign up [due to the time difference].

CIC Report (Melanie)

- We are still searching for a seventh Steering Committee member to replace Amber Ebarb. Selecting a top CIC based on annual reports (2013-14). Establishing core competency list, reviewing skills and abilities and deciding in what areas we need to do training to bring people up to speed.
- Bob: What's your format for getting the training?
- Melanie: We will be developing training soon.
- Amy: Selecting top CIC based on annual reports, is that an award?
- Melanie: Yes, since I've been here. It's based on different things such as are they meeting the requirements on the MOU and then other things like media contacts. It's not easy. We like to do that to provide encouragement.

Wrap-up

- Bob: I'll collect topics for the October Steering Committee meeting.
- Barb: Thank you guys for the help. We got every annual report that we could get. Only 3 were not received. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- Allen: When will that report be available?
- Barb: As soon as possible.
- Tom: We will follow up and get it back as soon as it's vetted.
- Amy: Where will it be released to?
- Tom: It is circulated through upper management to show [the program's] usefulness.
- Bob: Thanks for your time.

The meeting ended at 3:00 pm EDT