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**NATIONAL  
 STATE DATA CENTER  
 STEERING COMMITTEE**

*Representing a Network of 1,800  
 State Data Centers and Affiliates Nationwide*

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*We Bring Value-Added Census Data and Education to the User*

**State Data Center Conference Call and Briefing  
 November 14, 2023**

<b>State Data Centers</b>	<b>Census Bureau</b>
Mallory Bateman Monica Cruz Gary Krob Michael Moser Susannah Robichaux Katie Springer Alfred Sundara	Termirah Brinkley Antoinette Hall Katara L. Honesty Devon Reed <b>Civic Roundtable:</b> Emily Benz Austin Boral

3:02 PM EST Devon Reed called the meeting to order

**Census Bureau provided Steering Committee with an introduction to Civic Roundtable, a new platform with potential for usage in partnerships with Census Bureau**

**Guest speakers: Austin Boral and Emily Benz**

- Civic Roundtable is a govtech product. It’s used as a collaboration tool for people working between federal-state-local agencies and organizations. This would act as a tool beyond SharePoint or Google Drive, as an open community for collaborating with data creators, local decision makers, and others
- Intention is to improve data access for local policy makers
- Features of the platform:
  - Areas for posting questions/answers
  - Ready rolodex of data sources
  - Project Library

**Concerns from Steering Committee**

- Multiple stakeholders with multiple levels of understanding of data and tech tools.
- How does this help solve problems on multiple levels?
- Data professionals gaining access to the tool through organizational firewalls, security, etc.
- Privacy
- Interaction with our other tools: SharePoint, SDC Clearinghouse, websites

- Steering Committee will send questions to Devon and Mallory. Devon will pass them to Austin and Emily.

### **Updates from Census Bureau**

- **SDC/CIC Annual Report**

- Reminder: SDCs will send Devon feedback on draft by Thursday 11/16
- DUB is open to reviewing the questions included in the annual report to potentially shorten the time commitment and just include the questions most relevant to quantifying the work the SDC program does. In order to do that, the changes would have to go through OMB with appropriate justifications.

- **Dr. Keller UVA Project**

- Ongoing. DUB will share updates with Steering Committee when Technical Paper is done.

- **NACS Meeting**

- Toni reminds us to attend NACS meeting  
<https://www.census.gov/about/cac/nac.html>

- **Katara's New Job**

- Katara has accepted a new job. This is her last week.

### **Updates from Steering Committee**

- Gustafson Award nominations are open! Tell your colleagues and friends to nominate worthy candidates.
- Steering Committee Elections
  - Michael sent out initial email about elections and finding candidates.
  - Nominate colleagues and friends or ask them to self-nominate
- SDC-CIC webinar is tomorrow (11/15)
  - 30 people have accepted invitation
  - DUB will be invited
- Alfred and Susannah offer thanks to Devon for helping with the Maryland and Alabama annual training meetings

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM EST