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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, January 8, 2019

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Due to the shutdown of the Federal Government, Census Bureau staff from CLMSO have been on furlough since December 21, 2018. The Steering Committee opted to continue its regularly scheduled conference call this month to address immediate concerns/needs and to hold another conference call once the government shutdown has ended. As of January 8th, there is no end-date for the government shutdown.

Election of new Steering Committee Members

There are six candidates running for three seats. Dan and Michael will let us know this week the results of the Steering Committee membership election process. Todd will call those elected on Friday, January 11th.

Steering Committee In-Person February 2019 Meeting

The steering committees for the SDC and CIC networks are supposed to meet at Census Bureau headquarters in early February. Last the Steering Committee heard, the Eventbrite RSVP and SATO travel arrangements should be completed by Friday, the 11th of January. Flight reservations are not final until Census staff return and approve. Until notified otherwise, the Steering Committee assumes the February in-person will occur and reservations should be made accordingly.

Federal Shutdown and Furlough Update

There has been communication from Misty Reed at CLMSO and Census Regional staff regarding the status of Census Bureau programs during this time. Decennial Census processes are still ongoing during the shutdown.

2019 Steering Committee Officers

Todd discussed the role of the Chairman position. At the next full meeting of the Steering Committee, per Committee ByLaws, the committee will elect 2019 committee officers.

Update on SDC Skills Inventory Survey

The Steering Committee sent out the request for information to the network. At this point, there are 31 responses and some preliminary analysis has been done on the results. Michael will follow-up with the non-response states and prepare a report. The Steering Committee will discuss the results at the February meeting, in addition to the best way to display and access the information. The CIC network had expressed interest in a similar inventory and Michael could provide materials and guidance to adapt the survey for their use.

Federal Register Notice

Related to the 2020 Census – <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2018-28164> The Steering Committee may respond to this notice and present again our position related to Internet response. Todd will work on a letter and reuse language from the Steering Committees response to a prior Federal Register Notice - -submitted during the summer of 2018. Todd will circulate the letter for Committee comments. There were some other topics of interest that may be addressed in the response, such as non-deliverable mail. The Bureau should consider additional criteria and administrative data before deleting addresses from the Census Decennial Master Address File.

Upcoming Census Geography Trainings and Workshops

Suzan commended the Census Denver Region for keeping stakeholders informed. Denver will be going ahead with some previously scheduled PSAP trainings. Suzan shared last Friday's communication to SDCs. We've heard less from other regions, but we know that 2020 partnership staff and others with 2020 responsibilities are at work.

Updates from CIC Steering

Todd says we are overdue to debrief on topics from the November joint meeting. Several areas of common interest and collaborative action were identified. Dan Ichinose asked: which are most important or urgent? Allen thinks the involvement of CIC members in our workgroup on 2020 preparations and CCC organizing is most important. Our workgroup, chaired by Jenn and Dan Veroff, has been on hiatus. The action is happening in the individual states. Todd and others suggest we can wait until our next joint meeting, February 6th – 8th.

Recess

Todd proposed to recess the meeting and resume this call once the government shutdown has ended and CLMSO staff are available to join us. The meeting was recessed and the Steering Committee will reconvene at the call of the Chair.

Call ended 3:39 pm ET