

Census Steering Committee Call

Attending: Matthew Graham, John Dorrer, Tammy Coxen, Bob Brown, Jeremy Wu, George Putnam, Evelina Tainer, Colleen Flannery, Greg Weeks, Len Preston

Proposal to cancel September steering committee call

Approved unanimously.

Meeting logistics for September meeting

Only three people have contacted travel agency, and have not supplied all needed information. In addition to faxing itineraries, need to also provide the following information to Census:

1. Full name (including middle initial)
2. Home address
3. SSN
4. Phone and Fax numbers
5. Approximate mileage to the airport from their home

John and Greg will be leaving after lunch on second day for their Hill meeting, Chip Walker and Andy Reamer joining. Bob has to leave at noon on the second day.

Tim Kestner not attending.

It is still unknown as to when Tom and/or Ron will be attending. Jeremy will let the committee know as soon as he knows.

Agenda for March Workshop

Some states have requested training be held in conjunction with the March conference. At this time, it is not the intention of the program to hold such training, as the logistics of the two different events were very difficult to coordinate last time. The plan is to hold training separately.

Steering committee members recognized the importance of the workshop, particularly in this 10th anniversary year, and requested that an hour be set aside on the first day of the steering committee meeting in September to do some focused planning for the event. A small group will do some work in advance of that meeting to structure the conversation. Greg Weeks will send out an email to steering committee members requesting volunteers for the meeting, and Tammy Coxen will oversee scheduling a teleconference for the group prior to the September meeting.

Program Update

Updates on states

Ohio has begun experimental production, Puerto Rico has submitted MOU. New Hampshire will be trying again in next legislative session. Still looking for momentum in Massachusetts.

Rules of Behavior

A few states have expressed concerns, and they can contact Lars Vilhuber who will attempt to explain and address their concerns. Ed Simon will continue to follow up with states that have not yet submitted their forms (at this point 18 out of 48 have submitted).

National MOU

Staff are currently circulating a template within Census to get first level clearance. Still committed to timeline of having it available to steering committee members a week before the September meeting.

Change of Data Custodianship

Jim Gibbs is taking over from Ron Prevo as the data custodian. Jeremy will send a letter of notification to the LMI Directors.

NAICS 2007

The new NAICS taxonomy is being implemented during the current production cycle. Jeremy will distribute a one-page description of the methodologies to the steering committee members..

OTM

Beta testing for OTM3 is complete, code and data loading is happening now, expect to release some time after labor day.

ETA is sponsoring a webinar on September 17 for the new version of OnTheMap. The 300 seats were filled within 24 hours, and there are 157 more names on the waiting list. The session will be recorded and posted so that those who are unable to participate will still have access to the information. Matt Graham and Heath Hayward will be giving the presentation.

Steering Committee members requested a separate webinar specifically for state analysts, since they anticipate many requests from users for assistance following the official release. Steering committee members discussed a variety of possibilities for hosting such an event.

Disaster Assessment

George Putnam sent out a draft of the Disaster Assessment manual to the steering committee. He asked that committee members pass it on to staff to review and return comments by the end of August so that it can be finalized.

Committee member expressed interest in developing an organized approach to working with state and federal emergency management agencies, and requested a half hour to discuss this item in September.

There was a question regarding the inclusion of flood plain data in OTM3. At this time there are no intentions to have it included, but data can be exported to other GIS systems which include flood plain maps.

Some states have received requests for Origin/Destination data to be broken out by 2-digit NAICS. OTM3 will break down this data into 3 "supergroups" in the application, and it might be possible to have 2-digit NAICS in the future. At this point, the system infrastructure is not quite prepared to handle 20 different categories for this data.