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ARIZONA STATE DATA CENTER ANNUAL UPDATE FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

The Arizona State Data Center (SDC) Network consists of one lead agency, four coordinating agencies, and twenty-six affiliate agencies. The network totals thirty-one agencies involved with the dissemination of Census Bureau data and with other activities in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau. The Arizona State Data Center along with the other 55 State Data Centers are proud to celebrate their 40th Anniversary this year!

One of the informational metrics which the U.S. Census Bureau tracks is the number and variety of requests that the State Data Center Network answers and reports. The following information was collected by the Arizona SDC Lead office and reflects the Arizona SDC network's activities for the 2017 calendar year:

Arizona State Data Center Network 2017 Annual Report

- Total of 3, 412 Reported Requests
- 1,227 Government Requests
- 556 Business Requests
- 450 Requests from Academic/Research
- 201 Community-Based/Non-Profit Requests
- 307 Requests from Private Citizens
- 642 Media Requests
- 29 Other Requests

Our network continues to meet its mission of providing efficient access to U.S. Census Bureau data and data products. The Arizona State Data Center reported 3,412 requests.

The network response rate or percentage of affiliates reporting for calendar year 2017 was 45%. The percentage of report participation is down 5% from the last time of reporting which was 2016. We greatly appreciate those affiliates who were able to meet their obligation of submitting an annual report to the lead agency.

National State Data Center Program Update

The following points highlight some important activities that have been undertaken by the National State Data Center Network since September, 2017 to present:

- Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA), December 2017. The 2020 Decennial LUCA campaign began major training and implementation. The State of Arizona has completed its LUCA for the 2020 Census.

- National State Data Center Steering Committee Elections, February 2018. There were six candidates seeking election, competing for three open seats.

Candidates

Alfred Sundara (Maryland)
 Karen Louie (California)
 Mallory Bateman (Utah)
 Michael Moser (Vermont)
 Pam Schenker (Florida)
 Suzan Reagan (New Mexico)

Election Results

Michael Moser (Vermont) New Term
 Suzan Reagan (New Mexico) Second Term
 Pam Schenker (Florida) New Term

- National State Data Center Annual Conference, April 2018. This year's conference served as the 40th Anniversary of the programs existence. The conference was held in Providence, RI. Along with important training and information the network celebrated the anniversary with Cake, refreshments and heartfelt historic tales from key veteran SDC network members.
- Randy Gustafson Award – April 2018 Conference. The Gustafson Award was established in 2012 to remember one of our dear colleagues, Randy Gustafson from the Tennessee SDC, who also served on the SDC Steering Committee. Randy was a wonderful person and a big part of the SDC family. The Gustafson Award was created in his memory to honor outstanding contributions to the SDC network. Bob Coats, North Carolina State Data Center Lead, was given this honorable award for his outstanding work with the National Network and the U.S. Census Bureau, and his leadership as past Chairperson for the State Data Center Network Steering Committee.
- Plan to Plan for 2020 Webinars Series – On going Webinar Series for SDC Network Leads, initiated by the SDC Steering Committee in Late 2016. The purpose is to train SDC Network Leads in how to prepare their networks for the 2020 Decennial Census Planning programs as implemented by the U.S. Census Bureau. Past presented and recorded webinars are as follows:
 - Plan to Plan for the 2020 Census: Part 1 webinar (1/1/2017)
 - Preparing for Local Update of Census Addresses webinar (12/26/2017)
 - What is the Census Planning Database? webinar (2/1/2018)
 - Mapping Hard to Count Communities webinar recording (6/21/2018)

Details of these webinars can be found on the SDC Clearinghouse website at:

<https://sdcclearinghouse.com/2018/08/22/plan-to-plan-for-2020-webinar-series/>

In conclusion, we continue to encourage each affiliate organization to continue their commitment to provide efficient access to U.S. Census Bureau data and data products, provide training and technical assistance to data users, and provide a mechanism for feedback to the Census Bureau on data usability, state and local government data needs, and operational issues. Please feel free to call upon your lead agency with any comments, needs, and/or ideas that will further our education of data usage in our state, and further the use of Census Bureau data and data products.

Thank you for all your continuing efforts as we look forward to another great year in 2019.



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