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2001 Annual Data User Conference: Meeting the Challenges of the Future through Information Resources and Technology

MIDDLETOWN, PA– The Pennsylvania State Data Center, located at Penn State Harrisburg, is hosting its annual Data User Conference on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at the Holiday Inn Grantville. The Conference is designed to educate a diverse audience on ways to meet the challenges of the future through information resources and technology. Along with a plenary session, luncheon, and keynote, the day will include 20 breakout sessions with special emphasis on Census 2000 data.

This year's Plenary speaker will be John Haaga, Director of Domestic Programs for the Population Research Bureau, Washington, D.C. Mr. Haaga will be speaking on demographic trends, the link between demographic data and public policy.

The lunch and keynote speaker will be Daniel Shostak, futurist, social scientist and founder of SAFIRe International (Strategy, Assessment, Futures and Intelligence Research). Mr. Shostak will be speaking on the future of technology. His expertise concentrates on providing strategic intelligence to organizations and individuals aspiring to create health, empower the public, generate sustainable wealth, improve the quality of life and secure justice.

The 20 breakout sessions include such topics as:
- Pennsylvania Population Trends
- Redistricting Pennsylvania
- Charter Schools--Changing the Face of Pennsylvania's Education System
- Using Demographics and Data in Education Research
- Races in Pennsylvania--Where is Our Diversity?
- Changes in Rural Demographics--Brain Drain or Gain?
- Integrating Decision Support Applications
- Police Protection in the 21st Century Using GIS
- How Data is Used in Private Business
- High Speed Rail in Pennsylvania

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- Tiger Line Files and Landview--See the Changes in Mapping
- American Community Survey
- Library and Information Access
- Caring for Pennsylvania's Elderly Population
- Protecting Our Students

The PaSDC is also seeking exhibitors for the Data User Conference. Exhibitors receive an 8'W x 4'D x 10'H, high-traffic display space, business description with contact information in conference packet materials, and registration for two. Registration includes access to all conference activities.

To register as an exhibitor or participant or for more information, contact Mark Gehret, the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.948.6677, or visit our conference Web site at http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/conf2001/index.htm.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and services. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's national State Data Center Program.

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