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Pennsylvania State Data Center Announces 2002 Annual Data User Conference

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center, located at Penn State Harrisburg, is hosting its annual Data User Conference on Tuesday, September 17th, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Grantville. The conference is designed to educate and inform a diverse audience of data users on how to obtain and utilize data to meet the challenges of the new millennium. Along with a plenary session, luncheon and keynote speaker, the day will include nineteen breakout sessions with special emphasis on Census 2000 data.
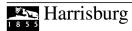
This year's plenary speaker will be Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission Chairman Glenn Thomas. Chairman Thomas will speak on telephone competition in Pennsylvania.

The keynote speaker will be Mr. Mark Mather from the Population Reference Bureau in Washington, D.C. Mr. Mather is a policy analyst for the Population Reference Bureau and will speak on the Census 2000 Supplemental Survey with a special focus on Pennsylvania's children.

Topics for breakout sessions include:
- Population Estimates
- Distribution of Tobacco Funds, Including State-Sponsored Programs
- Utilizing Census 2000 Data Release Products
- A Panel Discussion on the American Community Survey
- Changes in Rural Definitions and Their Impact
- Long Term Care Workforce and Pending Legislation
- An Overview of the Public-Use Microdata Samples (PUMS)
- An Update on the Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program for Pennsylvania
- Police Fatalities- Statistics and Discussion
- An Overview on "Your Schools, Your Money," a project by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Census 2000 Summary File 3- An Overview and Comparison to Census 1990 Summary Tape File 3
- Using the Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council's Web Site as a Data Access Tool
- Updates to the U.S. Census Bureau's American FactFinder

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- High-Speed Rail Passenger Service
- Business Retention in Pennsylvania
- Utilizing the Bureau of Labor Statistics Web Site

Exhibitors Wanted

The Pennsylvania State Data Center 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.

The one-day conference begins with a continental breakfast and registration at 8:00 a.m. To register as an exhibitor or participant or for more information, contact Mark Gehret at 717.948.6677 or click on the Data User Conference logo at our Web site: PaSDC.hbg.psu.edu.

The PaSDC welcomes media coverage upon approval of the PaSDC. Media outlets wishing to cover the 2002 Annual Data User Conference on September 17, 2002, please call Mark Gehret at 717.948.6677 or email PaSDC-Reserve@psu.edu.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics. 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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