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2003 Annual Data User Conference: Pennsylvania's Most Comprehensive Workshop on Census, State Agency and Research Data

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – It's time once again for the Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg to host its annual Data User Conference. This year's conference will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey. Conference activities will include guest speakers, breakout sessions and U.S. Census Bureau special topic sessions.

The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Gordon De Jong, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. De Jong was the co-author of *Pennsylvania's Brain Drain Migration and Labor Force Education Gap, 2000*; an issue paper released this year by the Pennsylvania State Data Center. Dr. De Jong also co-founded the Population Issues Research Center, now known as the Population Research Institute, at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. De Jong will be presenting topics related to the Brain Drain report.

The breakout sessions will include such topics as:

- Accessing the PA POWER Library
- Changes in Rural Definitions and Their Impact
- Using Employment Data to Better Understand Your Local Economy
- The Status of PACE/PACENET Programs
- Industry Shifts – The NAICS Conversion
- Using Statistics in Grant Writing

In addition, the U.S. Census Bureau sessions will include such topics as:

- Using Census 2000 Data Products (Allocate Software)
- Accessing Census Data Via the Internet (using American FactFinder)
- County-to-County Migration
- The Estimates Program
- Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP)
- Using PUMS (Public Use Microdata Samples) Data
- The Status of the American Community Survey
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- A Look Ahead to Census 2010

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is also seeking exhibitors for the Data User Conference. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet people who want to know more about your company or organization. Exhibitors receive an 8'W x 4'D x 10'H, high-traffic display space, business description and contact information in conference and packet materials, and registration for two. Registration includes access to all conference activities.

General fees for the conference will \$140 to attend and \$175 to exhibit a display. Those who register to attend the conference by August 22, 2002 will be eligible for the special "Early Bird Rate" of \$120. Participants are highly encouraged to register online with a credit card using our secure transaction server. Online registration is fast and easy with enhanced security features not found via the normal faxing method.

To register as an exhibitor or participant or for more information, please contact Lauren Capitani at 717.948.6677 or visit our conference website at http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/Products_and_Services/conference/Conf2003/index.html.

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