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Keynote Speaker to Discuss Issues Related to Pennsylvania's Brain Drain at 2003 Annual Data User Conference

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The keynote speaker for the 2003 Annual Data User Conference, hosted by the Pennsylvania State Data Center, will be Dr. Gordon F. De Jong. Dr. De Jong is a Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography Director of the Graduate Program in Demography at the Pennsylvania State University. The topic of the Keynote Speech will be based on the issue paper published by the PaSDC that Dr. De Jong co-authored titled *Pennsylvania's Brain Drain Migration and Labor Force Education Gap, 2000*. This year's conference is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 18, 2003, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey.

Pennsylvania's Brain Drain Migration and Labor Force Education Gap, 2000 covers three main subjects: the migration flow of Pennsylvanians, the educational attainment of Pennsylvania's labor force compared to that of surrounding states and the impact of educational attainment on unemployment and poverty in the commonwealth. Dr. De Jong is a nationally and internationally known expert in migration and immigration research, the demography of aging and the demography of Pennsylvania. Results from Dr. De Jong's research have been presented at Congressional, United Nations and European Union hearings.

In addition, the Pennsylvania State Data Center has announced that Stanley J. Rolark, Chief of the Customer Liaison Office at the U.S. Census Bureau, will be the Plenary Speaker. Stan Rolark is chief of the Census Bureau's Customer Liaison Office and has served in that capacity since July 1997. The Customer Liaison Office serves as a bridge between the Census Bureau and its various customers including the State Data Centers, the Census Information Centers, the Governor's Liaisons, Tribal Governments, and national governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Rolark has worked in several areas of the Census Bureau and on a variety of programs and surveys including the Housing Vacancy Survey, the Annual Housing Survey (now the American Housing Survey), and the Survey of Construction, which produces data on the new home market, including housing starts and completions. Mr. Rolark also worked in various capacities in the Census Bureau's Population Division focusing on race and ethnic data and residence rules. He also served as Special Assistant to the Associate Director for Demographic Programs.

Mr. Rolark will speak immediately following the opening of the conference. There also will be breakout sessions throughout the day featuring representatives from the Pennsylvania State University, the U.S. Census Bureau, the Pennsylvania State Library, the Centers for Rural Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, the Pennsylvania State Data Center and Sand Associates.

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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