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2004 Annual Data User Conference Opening Session Focuses on "The State of the State's Data"

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center reports that the opening session of this year's data user conference will feature a session entitled: "The State of the State's Data." Veteran statistical experts from Pennsylvania Departments of Health, Labor and Industry, Education and Welfare will share thoughts on the evolving directions of data collection and reporting in the commonwealth. In addition, panelists will report on recent accomplishments agencies have put in place to improve access and reliability for the public.

The 2004 Annual Data User Conference is titled: **Managing Pennsylvania's Data With New Age Technology**. The one-day conference will be held on Thursday, September 16th, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey. In addition to the opening session, there will be multiple breakout sessions including topics such as:

- American Community Survey—a critical element in the Census Bureau's re-engineered 2010 Census plan
- An update on Census 2010 and other Census Bureau surveys and programs
- 2002 Economic Census
- Crime Statistics, Online Access all the Time
- Agriculture Statistics
- Local Employment Dynamics- A new resource for determining workforce indicators
- Using Geographic Information System Applications
- Obtaining health statistics via the PA Department of Health's new online data tool: EpiQMS
- Using Statistics in Grant Writing

The training sessions will include:
- Using American FactFinder
- Using Census data products to obtain data from Census 2000 and the 2002 Economic Census
- LandView 6
- Understanding Census Terminology and Geography

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Early Bird Registration Ends August 20th

The Early Bird registration fee for the conference is $120. After August 20th, the regular fee of $149 will be assessed. If interested in registering for the Conference, participants may register online with a credit card or check using our secure transaction server. Online registration is fast and easy with enhanced security features not found via the normal faxing method.

There are a limited number of spaces available for those registrants who wish to promote their products or services. There is no additional charge for an exhibition table (Internet fees not included). Persons interested in exhibiting at the conference may contact Mike DeFrank at 717.948.6310. Additional information on the conference may be found at:

 http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/Products_and_Services/conference/Conf2004/index.html.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source for 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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