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To: Texas SDC/BIDC Affiliates and Texas Data Users

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Subject: Texas State Data Center / Business and Industry Data Center Annual Meeting

On behalf of the Texas State Data Center staff, I would like to invite you to attend this year's Texas State Data Center / Business and Industry Data Center Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 6th and Wednesday, May 7th in Austin Texas. We think the meeting will be productive and enjoyable for our affiliates, participating state agencies, and other interested data users.

This year's meeting should be a particularly important and interesting one. As we are all aware, Census 2010 is just 2 years away. The first multi-year data products from the American Community Survey will be released this summer. As in past years, the Census Bureau will send representatives from both Washington D.C. headquarters and the Dallas Regional Office to inform us of activities and plans with respect to both decennial and the ACS, as well as other Census programs.

As I am sure our partners and friends are aware, this will be the first meeting of Texas State Data Center affiliates for over two decades that will not be presided over by Dr. Steve Murdock. Dr. Murdock resigned his position as State Demographer this past January to be Director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. I am especially pleased to report that Dr. Murdock has agreed to kick off this year's meeting on Tuesday, May 6th in his new role as Census Director. On the second day, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Vincent Fonseca, the State Epidemiologist, who will be speaking on the *Status of Leading Health Indicators in the State of Texas*.

In order to keep expenses to a minimum for participants, we are again limiting the duration of the meeting to a half day workshop and one full day of meetings. Attached is the preliminary agenda. The pre-registration form and hotel information will be available soon.

[Please reserve these dates on your calendar to join us in Austin.](#)

If you have any questions concerning the meetings or registration, please contact Cyndi Bird, Beverly Pecotte or me at (210) 458-6543 and we will do our best to assist you. We all look forward to seeing you at this year's meeting.