DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

INFORMATION RESOURCES EXCHANGE GROUP

Minutes of September 8, 1999

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The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

1) **Minutes of the meeting of June 16, 1999**

   a) **The minutes of the meeting of June 16, 1999 were approved.**

2) **Presentations**

   Presentation: Ann R. Timmons, Manager of Administrative Support, New Jersey Office of Management & Budget, "The State of New Jersey's Integrated Financial and Administrative System Project."

   Ann Timmons presented an overview of NJOMB's IT initiative called the Integrated Financial and Administrative Project. The presentation included the project's mission, goals and objectives along with its components and schedule. Ms. Timmons explained that the project's mission is to simplify, consolidate and integrate the State's administrative activities through the implementation of a commercial, web-enabled integrated software suite that will serve as an intranet for the State's financial, human resources, and procurement processing. Like many Enterprise systems, the goal of this project is to establish a single, integrated, web enabled business environment from a multitude of separate, inefficient government business systems. Once development and implemented, this system will replace duplicative processing and dozens of complex interfaces with an integrated, efficient processes that facilitates timely and less costly upgrades in the future. Ms. Timmons concluded her presentation with the project's scheduling and explained its major planning components.

   Presentation: Henry Savelli, Assistant Director, New Jersey Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property, "E-Commerce and Government Purchasing"

   After Ann Timmons' presentation, Henry Savelli provided a brief example of how the e-commerce portion of the State's new system has enabled the State and its municipalities to take advantage of bulk purchasing from vendors. Mr. Savelli concluded his presentation with some thoughts on the overall impact of e-commerce on the State's purchasing department and purchasing in general.

3) Census 2000 Update

Census Bureau staff gave updates on several Census 2000 programs

a) **Statistical Areas Program—status**
The Census Bureau for all counties has received completed maps for the Statistical Areas Update Program. Census Geographers have been working with DVRPC Transportation Planning staff to provide working copies of the Statistical Area maps for the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) revisions. Maps reflecting the new boundaries will be submitted to member governments by Census through DVRPC in fall 1999. Local governments will have a 30-day review period during which they may comment on the changes to the new boundaries.

b) **Funding for Census 2000—status**
Congress has rejected the additional funding request by the Clinton Administration for the decennial count. There is now a projected $1.8 billion deficit for the decennial count meaning that some elements of the Bureau's plan may have to be reduced or eliminated. There are continuing efforts to resolve this issue and provide full funding for the 2000 Census.

c) **LUCA Program—status**
The LUCA program continues. Maps showing new addresses and numbers of units have been distributed to some participants. Appeals for the LUCA program must be made directly to the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

d) **Complete Count Committees—status**
Several committees have been established, and early local outreach offices have started to operate. Key committees are in Camden County and City, Gloucester County, and Philadelphia, where the Mayor's Office has designated a full-time staff person for Complete Count activities. PSDC is doing all of the training for the 67 counties in Pennsylvania. Representative from the census bureau stated that the best time to start a complete count committee is now. All complete count committees should continue until the end of April 2000. Currently, existing complete count committees are in their planning phase. Implementation phases will begin in February 2000.

e) **Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP) 2000—status**
Census geographers have been working with DVRPC Transportation Planning staff to complete the TAZ updates.

f) **Geographic Code Changes – report**
The U.S. Census Bureau is switching to using just FIPS codes in their identification of municipalities for Census 2000. Therefore, Census MCD codes will be discontinued. This change may impact many database geographic referencing systems.

4) DVRPC Work Program Updates

DVRPC staff gave updates on elements of the DVRPC Work Program.

    a. Year 2000 Aerial Imagery Acquisition

    Seven proposals for the Year 2000 Aerial Imagery Acquisition project have been received. Staff has reviewed proposals and will being interviewing the top four vendors soon.

    b. Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development

    Final funding approvals are expected from Federal and State Agencies. Development of an RFP for consultant services to help design the system architecture for the GIS will begin soon.

    c. Regional Information Network (RIN)

    DVRPC Staff continued to develop database driven website.

    d. DVRPC Year 2025 Forecasts

    The 2025 Regional and County level Population and Employment Forecasts have been approved by the RTC, RCC and the DVRPC Board. Municipal forecasts are being developed.

5) New Business

    a) Reports from Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Data Center Annual Affiliate Meetings

    Diane Shoop reported on the PSDC conference, recently attended by DVRPC staff and member government representatives. This conference provided valuable information on Census 2000 activities, the Economic Census, which is transitioning away from the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes to the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS), and the American FactFinder, a Java-based data access tool.

    b) Appointment of New IREG Vice-Chair

    William Mead was appointed the IREG's Vice-Chair. His term begins immediately since William Bauer resigned last meeting (June). Traditionally, the Vice Chair serves one year as Vice Chair and one year as Chair. Therefore, William Mead will finish William Bauer's term as Vice Chair and replace Susan Hauser (Current Chair) at our December 8th meeting. The Vice Chair position will become vacant after December's meeting and, in accordance IREG's bylaws, should be filled by a Pennsylvania representative. Nominations will be accepted and voted on next meeting.

6) Next Meeting Date and Location

The next IREG meeting will be held at DVRPC on December 8th . Speakers will include Tom Pederson, Executive Director, Cartographic Modeling Laboratory, University of Pennsylvania and James Sloan, Program Coordinator, Gloucester County College.