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The 15th Annual GeoElections User's Conference – November 2016

After a hectic year for elections officials across the country, concluding with a Presidential election like no other in the history of the United State, another outstanding GeoElections Conference was conducted for veterans and new users alike. With four guest speakers (listed below) and presentations by the people at ICW, the Conference presented a great opportunity for both professional networking and relevant content.

The topics discussed ranged from a review of the US Census Phase II Data Redistricting (VTD) Program to GeoElections running in the 64 bit version of MapInfo Professional, Version 16. Power Point presentations are available at www.icwmaps.com.

GeoElections Users from two states and speakers from three states made the 15th a great conference!



Ira Pyles, ENP, 9-1-1 Emergency Operations Manager for the Hillsborough County, FL 9-1-1 Agency provided an overview of the roll his agency plays pertaining to street naming and addressing.

At the same time Ira explained their roll coordinating municipalities and the US Postal Service to clarify the official street names and addresses elections staff can rely upon when constructing their street indexes for voter registration. Ira pointed out that while each county may place this responsibility with a different department, the results should be universally alike.

Scott Miller, GIS/Tabulation Specialist, Clay County, FL SOE provided a presentation and conducted an open debate of the recent House Bill 541 now FL Statute 2016.23. This statute requires the maintenance of secondary addresses that distinguish one place of residence from another.

Colleen D. Joyce, Assistant Chief, Census Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office described numerous data exchange programs the Bureau conducts in partnership with the States in preparation for production of the P.L. 94-171 Data provided to the States for redistricting in 2021-22.

In particular Colleen focused upon the Phase II VTD program and the Boundary Annexation Program. Colleen pointed to the recently published "Notice of determination." discussed on the next page.

Elliot Cox, Product Manager for MapInfo Professional, Pitney Bowes, Inc., demonstrated the 64 bit version of MapInfo and discussed numerous enhancements PB has incorporated into Version 16. Elliot spoke of the PB commitment regards support for the current 32 bit version of MI Pro and plans to maintain Version 15 as a reliable product into the foreseeable future.

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Following is an excerpt of the material published in the Federal Register and distributed by Colleen D. Joyce. Specifically the findings for counties in the State of Florida are included as an example of the work completed.



FEDERAL REGISTER

The Daily Journal of the United States Government

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 161107999-6999-01]

Voting Rights Act Amendments of 2006, Determinations Under Section 203

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: As required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, this notice publishes the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) Director's determinations as to which political subdivisions are subject to the minority language assistance provisions of the Act. As of this date, those jurisdictions that are listed as covered by Section 203 have a legal obligation to provide the minority language assistance prescribed by the Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective on December 5, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this notice, please contact Mr. James Whitehorne, Chief, Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office, Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce, Room 4H057, 4600 Silver Hill Rd, Washington, DC 20233, by telephone at 301-763-4039, or visit the Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office Internet site at <http://www.census.gov/rdo/>.

For information regarding the applicable provisions of the Act, please contact T. Christian Herren, Jr., Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Room 7254-NWB, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530, by telephone at (800) 253-3931 or visit the Voting Section Internet site at <https://www.justice.gov/crt/voting-section>.

Florida:

State Coverage	Hispanic.
Broward County	Hispanic.
DeSoto County	Hispanic.
Hardee County	Hispanic.
Hendry County	Hispanic.
Hillsborough County	Hispanic.
Lee County	Hispanic.
Miami-Dade County	Hispanic.
Orange County	Hispanic.
Osceola County	Hispanic.
Palm Beach County	Hispanic.
Pinellas County	Hispanic.
Polk County	Hispanic.
Seminole County	Hispanic.

As referenced above "State Coverage" applies to state wide elections which in this case require dual language ballots. Dual language ballots apply to local elections for the counties listed below the "State Coverage" line.

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