TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP MEETING

November 29, 2016

1:30 – 2:30pm Eastern time

https://cdp.adobeconnect.com/theboardroom

Teleconference number: 1-888-271-3643

PRESENT

Katherine Scott – CCSD

Michael Ditor – CCSD

Auburn Larose - WDG

Sian Jones - Calgary

Ted Hildebrandt - Halton

This group had not met up during this program year until now and has instead been receiving email updates on items that pertain to its mandate. The meeting was organized to provide an update to the working group 'in person' and to give members an opportunity to voice comments on how the program is doing on training and capacity-building issues, as well as to comment on the format in which the working group operates.

Map-based data access tool

The prototype of the map-based access tool should be finished this week. The tool currently offers the Village of 100 infographic data set and the Regional Profile but in the near future will allow users to download other popular data sets, including tables designed to help fill out the DIY Infographics. We received relatively few comments from the working group on the function and design, but have had very good experience with this developer on similar projects.

LISTSERV/Email discussion group

Progress on this project has been slow but it is still moving forward. A couple of options have been ruled out. It appears the best option for the email discussion group would be Google Groups, as it is free, does not require material resources from the program (a dedicated computer) and offers message aggregation so that members only receive one email per day.

Webinar schedule

Update since the meeting: The T1FF webinar will be held January 18, 2017 at 1:30pm Eastern time.

We have requested another Census webinar, ideally to take place shortly after the February data release.

The CDP team is planning to offer another training webinar. The timing of this will be coordinated with feedback from the Leads.

We had previously discussed the idea of a data visualization webinar being provided by Auburn Larose. Auburn indicated that she would base the presentation on a training she gave recently covering:

- why we need visualization,
- when to use certain visualizations
- an introduction on how to use visualization software

The CDP team will follow up with Auburn regarding the date. The data model building training session that we had also discussed offering is more complicated and would need more preparation. We will check back in the new year to see when that webinar could be offered.

DIY Infographics

The DIY Infographics have been posted to the Community Reporting section of the website. There are four more infographics in production. Use of the infographics on the site will be followed via site analytics.

Website improvement project

The website improvement project is complete. The CDP team will be overhauling the 'look and feel' of the site over the next month.

Overall Comments

Trainings could be offered for various levels - beginners and advanced.
Offer these resources on the website.
Resources such as these help in selling the CDP to prospective members and to signing authorities in members' own organization.

The format for the working group has worked well so far this program year. Updates will continue to delivered via email and a meeting will not be scheduled until a live discussion is required.