WHEREAS, many administrative, economic development, research, and planning activities in Pennsylvania require ready access to a reliable source of demographic and economic reports, and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes the need for coordination in the dissemination and use of demographic and economic data; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, The Capital College, have entered into agreements to establish and maintain a State Data Center for Pennsylvania in order to expand the orientation and technical assistance in data access and use for research, administration, planning, and decision-making by State and local governments, businesses, economic development organizations, academic, and other interested users.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby designate the Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, The Capital College, as the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

State agencies wishing to obtain demographic and economic data and related services shall do so through the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

Local government units, planning commissions, businesses, academic institutions, and other interested users wishing to obtain demographic and economic data are encouraged to use the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

Executive Order 1981-14 is rescinded.
WHEREAS, many planning and research activities in Pennsylvania require ready access to a reliable source of census data, reports, and related services; and

WHEREAS, access to such a resource in the past has been uncoordinated, fragmented, and in some cases costly, therefore limiting the quality of planning and research activities in government, business, and academic institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has recognized the need for better coordination in the dissemination and use of census data; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania State University, Capitol Campus, have entered into agreements to establish and maintain a State Data Center for Pennsylvania in order to expand the orientation and technical assistance in data access and use for research, administration, planning, and decision-making by State and local governments, business, academic, and other interested users;

THEREFORE, I, Dick Thornburgh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby designate the Pennsylvania State University, Capitol Campus, as the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

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The Pa. State Data Center (PSDC) develops statistical products and services to aid state and local governments and businesses. Two new PSDC services are being announced.

The two new products are:

1. Census Data Mapping Service (statistical maps of the state by county and counties by municipalities detailing various statistics in color or black and white copy); and

2. Geographic Access System (designed to aid both public and private sectors in using demographic data for facility siting, client targeting, address matching, and market analysis).

Executive Order 1981-14 established the PSDC at the Pennsylvania State University, Capitol Campus. The PSDC makes statistical products of U.S. Census Bureau and related services available to state agencies, local governments, business and others on a cost-reimbursement basis. It acts as the Commonwealth’s contact agency for the Federal-State Cooperative Programs for Population Estimates and Projections. The PSDC also maintains the Commonwealth’s recreation facilities inventory and an inventory of the state’s public and private research facilities.

In addition to the two new services, the following products and services are available to agencies on a cost-reimbursement basis:

1. Inquiry handling and consultation on data availability and use.

2. PSDC and Census Bureau reports (detailing the results of the 1980 Census) and reference maps.

3. Computer tape processing, including tape copy and printouts of data not available in reports.

4. Custom programming and report generation (for example, the PSDC recently completed a project for the Department of Health to target and map potential incidence of lead poisoning cases in large cities).

5. Survey processing and analysis, capabilities include entering the data, design and analysis, and interpretation of results.

6. Digitized files of map features such as political boundaries, land use, land cover features, and natural features.

7. Training and Information sharing, including a PSDC newsletter and workshops on specific topics of interest.

8. Population estimates developed by the PSDC detailing 1981 and 1982 population by age, sex, and race for the state, counties, and cities over 20,000 population.
(9) State agency data access (under appropriate agreement the PSDC can store, maintain, and fill user requests for information and data collected by Commonwealth agencies).

To facilitate access to PSDC products by requesters, the following procedures have been established:

(1) The PSDC publishes a periodic newsletter concerning new products, training opportunities, and other appropriate subjects.

(2) Printed materials and maps are made available to users at the State Library and the PSDC Library at Capitol Campus.

(3) The PSDC accepts orders from state agencies. Upon receipt of an order, PSDC staff contacts the requester to verify the order and cost estimate. State agencies may request products costing up to $300 by letter or Miscellaneous Order, Form STD-183; requests over $300 must be accompanied by a Miscellaneous Order.

(4) State agencies receive the requested products and are invoiced directly from the PSDC at Capitol Campus. Payment is made to the Pennsylvania State University.

For general information on the PSDC program or if you wish to receive the newsletter, contact:

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