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Course 1218

COUNTING PEOPLE TO MAKE THEM COUNT: THE “CENSUS & REDISTRICTING”

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Introduction & Overview, David Méndez Identify the political subdivisions required to redistrict. Initial assessments that affected political subdivisions must make upon publication of the Federal Census in 2011. An overview of the major & important issues in the redistricting process.
9:45 am – 10:45 am	Law of Redistricting, Bob Heath Detailed explanation of state and federal “redistricting” laws and processes. Understanding the Voting Rights Act of 1965, state election laws, home rule charters, and court ordered plans. In-depth understanding of important legal principles affecting redistricting.
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Mapping Information, Sherry McCall Critical elements of census geography and census data Basis for population information that is utilized in redistricting. A demonstration of programs and data utilized in redistricting. Utilization of data for the redistricting process after release of Census data.
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	The Redistricting Process, David Méndez A step-by-step guide to redistricting. Specific resources that will be required to accomplish the redistricting task. Developing a detailed plan of action to guide your political subdivision through the redistricting process in an efficient and cost-effective manner .
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 pm – 2:00 p.m.	Redistricting Case Study, Panel: Karen McQueen, Brazos County Clerk; Janice Carroll, Irving City Secretary; Sherry McCall/David Méndez Review a redistricting case involving county, city and school district. How entities coordinated their redistricting process to maximize benefits. What is needed from the local entities, their employees and citizens to complete the process and insure a useful plan for the entire decade.
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	The Census, Panel: Census Bureau Office Staff Who, What, Where, When, Why and other questions will be answered by the panel concerning the local census taking. Getting a complete & accurate count from entities, employers and citizens.
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap – Up: Questions & Answers

