MEMORANDUM

TO:	IHBG NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE
FROM:	IHBG DATA STUDY GROUP
SUBJECT:	UPDATE
DATE:	JULY 14, 2015

This is an update of the study group's work from August 2014 through July 2015 as well as advance notice of the final report which will include recommendation(s) as to what data source(s) the IHBG Negotiated Rulemaking Committee may wish to consider adopting for use in the IHBG allocation formula. The study group identified four technical experts: Ben Winter, Kevin Klingbeil, Jim Anderson and Pat Boydston. (Todd Richardson replaced Ben Winter)

The following is a link to the study group's work timeline:
http://ihbgrulemaking.firstpic.org/images/Library/IHBG_Study_Group_Timeline_04202015.xls

The study group used a carefully constructed process that included four phases:
1. Nomination;
2. Initial screening;
3. Characterization, and;
4. Evaluation.

The following is a link to an overview of the process:
http://ihbgrulemaking.firstpic.org/images/Library/Overview_of_Data_Source_Assessment_Process_final_12-17-2014.doc

The nomination process identified 49 data sources that were reviewed by the technical experts against a pre-determined set of screening criteria developed by the study group. Of the 49 nominated data sources, the study group agreed unanimously that 30 did not meet these criteria. The technical experts then prepared detailed characterizations of the remaining 19 data sources. After reviewing the final characterization reports from the technical experts, the study group rejected 10 more data sources that did not meet the pre-determined criteria.

The following is a link to the list of nominated data sources as well as various criteria used by the technical experts:

http://ihbgrulemaking.firstpic.org/images/Library/Data_source_nominations_for_screening_phase_7-13-15.doc
http://ihbgrulemaking.firstpic.org/images/Library/Data_Source_Assessment_Process_final_12-17-2014.doc

The study group moved nine data sources forward for comprehensive evaluation. The technical experts divided the nine data sources into two categories, core data and support data. Core data

sources are data sources that can replace the Census 2000 data currently used in the formula. Support data are sources that can be used to adjust the core data, such as adjusting for population growth or construction costs. The nine data sources that the study group evaluated are:

Core Data:
1. Most Recent Decennial Census data collected by the US Census Bureau
2. American Community Survey collected by the US Census Bureau
3. National Tribal Survey to be Administered by a Federal Agency
4. National Tribal Survey to be Administered by Tribes

Support Data:
5. Tribal Enrollment Data
6. IHS Population Projections
7. US Census Bureau Population Estimates
8. Data Reported by IHBG Grant Recipients on Formula Response Form
9. Total Development Costs (TDC)

The study group's final report to the IHBG Negotiated Rulemaking Committee will provide its recommendation(s) as to what data source(s) the committee should adopt for the IHBG allocation formula. The study group anticipates that the final report will be sent via email on July 28th as well as posted to the IHBG Negotiated Rulemaking Committee website:
http://ihbgrulemaking.firstpic.org/index.php/documents-menu/workgroups1