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MEMORANDUM FOR State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan  
Planning Organizations

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Subject: Transmittal of Census Transportation Planning Package 2000  
CD-ROM Discs – Part 2, Place of Work Data

Enclosed are copies of the Census Transportation Planning Package 2000 (CTPP2000) Part 2 (place of work data) CD-ROM discs. Data are included for all geographic levels, beginning with the State and each county and continuing down through the other levels in the geographic hierarchy to the census tract and traffic analysis zone levels (TAZs are available in selected areas only).

Like the Part 1 files, this initial distribution of Part 2 data is being limited to our sponsors, the state Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). We ask that you review Part 2 for 30 days (beginning upon receipt of the data) and tell us about any problems you encounter with the data or software, or any data quality issues you uncover. We will then address these problems before we begin our large-volume duplication and distribution of the Part 2 CDs.

The enclosed CDs contain software (the CTPP Access Tool) that lets the user select, browse, manipulate, map, and print the data. The software also supports a number of export formats, including fixed-field ASCII, comma delimited, spreadsheet, database, and geographic information system formats. To take advantage of the software's potential, we strongly recommend that users take the time to familiarize themselves with the tutorial and help menus.

In addition, it is important for users to read the three documents enclosed with this memorandum.

- ? **Installation Notes** provides valuable hints and information regarding the installation of the software and data.
- ? **CTPP Workers-at-Work Compared to Other Employment Estimates** contains particularly important information on how the Census Bureau defines workers and how this concept relates to estimates of total employment or jobs. The effect of using the NAICS industry codes instead of the SIC system is also discussed, as is the under-estimate of employed persons in Census 2000 relative to the Current Population Survey.
- ? **Errata sheet** lists currently known bugs that have not been fixed in this release.

An unlimited number of user licenses were purchased for the CTPP Access Tool software. Therefore, you may install the software and data on a network, or make additional copies of the CDs as needed. If you are unable to make copies, please contact my office (see below) and we will send you more discs. However, keep in mind that you may want to delay your own full distribution of the discs until a more final product will be available.

Please note that the data contained on the CDs with the CTPP Access Tool software are stored in a proprietary format, although as noted above the data can be exported in a number of formats. If your agency previously requested fixed-field ASCII versions of the Part 1 files from us, then we automatically sent you ASCII files for Part 2. Please contact my office (see below) if you need the ASCII files and ~~did~~ have not received them yet.

We expect to complete the initial distribution of the Part 2 files in February. As this operation winds down we will begin distributing the final, corrected Part 1 data files. The residence by workplace data (Part 3) from CTPP2000 will be issued on a separate set of CDs beginning in late March or early April 2004. Part 3 is being produced later because the CTPP Access Tool software needs to be revised to accommodate the origin by destination flow data contained in Part 3.

Contact information:

For general information, to provide comments on the software, or ask questions about the data: CTPP Hotline (202-366-5000) or e-mail [Nanda.Srinivasan@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Nanda.Srinivasan@fhwa.dot.gov).

For additional copies of the CDs with software, or zipped, fixed-field ASCII versions of the data: Clara Reschovsky (301-763-2454) or e-mail [Clara.A.Reschovsky@census.gov](mailto:Clara.A.Reschovsky@census.gov).