Building Stronger Industries and Communities: 

The Role of the American Community Survey

American industries rely on good data to make targeted, wise investments. These economic, demographic and social data are largely derived from the American Community Survey (ACS).

The U.S. Census Bureau implemented the ACS after Census 2000 to replace the decennial census long form and provide annual statistics about the nation’s population and housing. Today, the survey guides the geographic distribution of over $400 billion of federal funding and is a vital component of our nation’s statistical system.

**LUNCHEON SEMINAR:**

**Monday, March 7 • 12:00–1:30 p.m.**

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» **Dr. David Crowe**, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, National Association of Home Builders, will discuss how the housing industry uses ACS data to analyze the real estate market and assess housing policies.

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» **Dr. Warren Brown**, Applied Demography Program Director at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, will provide examples of how state agencies use ACS data to determine policies to best serve the elderly and to improve the status of children.

To register, or for more information, please contact Juliane Baron or Mary Jo Hoeksema at paaapc@crosslink.net or via phone at 202-341-7283.

This event is sponsored by the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**, in cooperation with the offices of **Congressman Danny Davis**, **Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney**, **Senator Joseph Lieberman**.