FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting your help with the 2007 Census of Government Employment Survey. This voluntary survey, authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, collects data on state and local government employment and payrolls for one pay period in March each year.

Please verify or correct the mailing address, answer the questions on the form, and return the form in the enclosed envelope within 30 days. If you prefer, you may respond to this survey via the Internet using the following Web address: <http://harvester.census.gov/sgenet>.

Your user identification is imprinted on your form. Respond either by mail or by the Internet—but not both. If you need assistance with your response, call toll-free 1 (800) 642-4901.

This survey is the only source of nationwide, comprehensive information on state and local government employment and payrolls. The U.S. Congress, federal agencies, state and local governments, educational and research organizations, and the general public employ these results. Some major uses include:

1. Development of the government component of the gross domestic product estimates.
2. Development of the national income accounts.
3. Development of personal income figures for state and county areas.
4. Allocation of certain federal grant funds.
5. Legislative research.
6. Wage and salary negotiations by state and local governments.
7. Comparative studies of state and local government employment.

We request that you retain a photocopy of your completed form or a printout of your Internet reply for your records. Prompt and accurate completion of this form will provide valuable information and keep costs down.

Thank you for your participation. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Sincerely,

Charles Louis Kincannon

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