



Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census of the population and housing of the United States. Census data drive reapportionment and redistricting decisions and directly affect the distribution of more than \$200 billion in federal funds each year. The census is based on an up-to-date address list compiled from many sources. We need your help to ensure that the Census Bureau address list is as accurate as possible for your jurisdiction.

In July 2007, your government will receive a formal invitation to participate in the 2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program. The LUCA Program, mandated by the Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-430), provides state, local, and tribal governments with the opportunity to review and update the Census Bureau's address list.

By your participation in the 2010 Census LUCA Program, you can help improve the count for your jurisdiction. If you participate in the program, you will be able to:

- Review and update the Census Bureau's address list or submit your local address list to the Census Bureau in a specified format.
- Review and update the legal boundaries and features on the Census Bureau maps.

The enclosed *2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program - Local Government Information Booklet* provides an overview of the 2010 Census LUCA Program. The booklet answers questions that may assist your government in deciding whether to participate in the program once you receive the official invitation letter in July 2007.

Also enclosed is a *Contact Information Update Form* that lists local contacts that we presently have on file for your jurisdiction. Please have a member of your staff review and correct the information printed for each contact person. Return the completed form to the Census Bureau in the enclosed preaddressed, postage-paid envelope or fax it to _____ within two weeks. Thank you for taking the time to review and correct the *Contact Information Update Form*. Accurate contact names and addresses are essential if the Census Bureau is to convey timely information to your jurisdiction regarding opportunities to participate in Census Bureau programs.

If you have any questions regarding the 2010 Census LUCA Program after reviewing the enclosed booklet, please contact your Census Bureau Regional Office by telephone at 1-866-511-LUCA or via e-mail at _____.

Please continue with letter on reverse.

Your Census Bureau Regional Office will soon invite you to attend a 2010 Census LUCA Program workshop, which provides background information on program goals, participation options, program materials, and security guidelines. In July 2007, the Census Bureau will send the 2010 Census LUCA Program invitation letter and registration materials, and we hope you will use the time between now and July 2007 to decide on your jurisdiction's participation option and begin any necessary preparations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Louis Kincannon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Charles Louis Kincannon
Director

Enclosures

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