



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 address list is as accurate as possible for your state.

In July 2007 your state 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. The 2010 Census marks the first time that the Census Bureau is inviting state governors to participate in the LUCA Program.

The accuracy and completeness of the address list is critical to the enumeration process and the quality of the resulting census data. By participating in the 2010 Census LUCA Program, you can help ensure that we achieve complete coverage in our enumeration of your state. If you choose to participate in the 2010 Census LUCA Program, your state will be able to:

- Review and update the Census Bureau's address list, or submit your state's address list to the Census Bureau in a specified format.
- Review and update the geographic features in the Census Bureau's geographic database.

The enclosed 2010 Census *Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program – State 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 contacts that we presently have on file for your state. 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 or your staff 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

Your Census Bureau Regional Office will soon invite you and your staff to attend a 2010 Census LUCA Program promotional 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 state's participation option and begin any necessary preparations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Kincannon", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Charles Louis Kincannon
Director

Enclosures

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