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FROM THE DIRECTOR  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

We request your help in completing the enclosed 2007 Survey of Government Finances questionnaire. The survey results enable policymakers to understand the nature, scale, and trends of the governmental sector in the United States, an economic sector that is far more important at the local, state, and national level than is generally understood.

A 2007 National Academy of Sciences report cited the data from this survey as “the most comprehensive, highest quality, and most comparable data source by far...the essential starting point in any comparative analysis of government finances.”

Your participation is vital to the continued success of this effort. Please assist us by using one of the following options:

- **Mail** – Complete the enclosed form with information from your financial records and return it in the envelope provided, **within three weeks**, if possible.
- **Internet** – Respond directly over the Internet, as described in the enclosed flyer.
- **Call** – Contact us at 1 (888) 590-2748 if you have any questions or comments.

Please retain a copy of your reply for your records.

We conduct this voluntary survey as authorized by Title 13, Section 161 of the United States Code. Prompt and accurate reporting will save resources and prevent further follow-up efforts. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Sincerely,

Charles Louis Kincannon

Enclosures

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# 2006 Survey of Government Finances

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