

## **2010 Tribal Statistical Area Program**

The U.S. Census Bureau requests specific approval for the 2010 Tribal Statistical Area Program (TSAP), which is covered under the generic clearance called the Geographic Partnership Programs (GPPs), OMB Control No. 0607-0795.

This request is for approval of the verification phase.

Delineation materials for tribal statistical areas were sent by the U.S. Census Bureau to TSAP participants in January 2009. During the winter and spring of 2009, participants delineated their eligible statistical areas and submitted digital and/or paper map delineation materials to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Delineations submitted to the Census Bureau were reviewed according to geographic and demographic criteria set forth in the TSAP Participant Guidelines. Following this review by RCC staff, files were sent to the Census Bureau's headquarters office for a final review of the submission and insertion into Census Bureau MAF/TIGER database. In some cases, the Census Bureau made changes to existing statistical areas as well as to participant submitted statistical areas to ensure these areas meet criteria and guidelines.

The verification phase of the TSAP program for the 2010 Census is the opportunity for TSAP participants to review their statistical area boundaries as they now exist in the Census Bureau's databases following any updates that have occurred during the initial submission phase. During the verification phase participants may verify or request changes to their statistical areas and line features. Verification materials are being provided to participants who:

- submitted a new or updated delineation for their statistical area,
- requested no changes be made to their previously existing area, but to which the Census Bureau made changes to ensure the area meets criteria and guidelines,
- did not respond but later requested to receive verification materials, and
- indicated they did not want to participate in the TSAP initially, but later requested to receive verification materials.

The verification materials are shipped in February of 2010. The attachments to this document include examples of all the materials required to complete the verification phase and are accompanied by an explanation of the purpose for each product. The estimate of average hours per respondent is 4 hours. We anticipate that 200 participants will respond. The Fiscal Year 2010 estimate of respondent burden hours is 800 hours.

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