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FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the Boundary Validation Program (BVP) in order to provide an opportunity for you as the Highest Elected Official to review the Census Bureau's boundary data for governmental units. This is an important opportunity for you to ensure that we have your correct legal boundaries, name and governmental status. The Census Bureau uses the boundary information to tabulate data from the 2010 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey.

The BVP package includes a BVP form and a complete set of maps for your governmental unit. **Please review our depiction of your legal boundary, as well as any addresses along your boundary, for accuracy and return the completed BVP form within five days of receipt.** The BVP form can be returned via fax (1-800-416-3262), in the enclosed postage paid envelope, or scanned and e-mailed to <geo.bas@census.gov>.

The BVP is administered in parallel with the 2010 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). If the legal boundary for your governmental unit is incorrect, please work with the state BAS contact (printed on the enclosed BVP form) to submit changes and corrections to the January 1, 2010 boundary. Your state BAS contact should already have received a BAS package that includes a complete set of maps and submission instructions. Since your government has agreed to work with the state in reporting boundary changes, it is important that you submit all boundary updates to your state BAS contact. The deadline for your state to respond to the BAS is March 1, 2010. If we receive changes from your state before March 1, 2010, you will have an additional opportunity to review the updated maps and verify the boundaries for your government prior to the 2010 Decennial Census. If we receive changes from your state after March 1, 2010, we will correct the boundary, but we will not have sufficient time to send you an updated map before we finalize the data tabulations.

If you need any assistance with this request, please e-mail <geo.bas@census.gov>, telephone (1-800-972-5651), or visit our website at <<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/bas/bashome.html>>.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director

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