



The U.S. Census Bureau invites your tribal government to participate in the 2010 Census New Construction program. The New Construction program provides an opportunity for officials of federally recognized tribal governments to submit a list of city-style addresses for housing units for which basic construction began during or after March 2009 and completion is expected by Census Day, April 1, 2010. The Census Bureau, using the participant supplied addresses, will visit and attempt to enumerate each newly constructed housing unit that has been identified as missing from our list.

The Census Bureau will have updated its address list through a field canvass in your jurisdiction in the spring/summer of 2009; the purpose of the New Construction program is to account for new housing units built after our field canvass was completed. The New Construction program is offered to federally recognized tribal jurisdictions that contain blocks where the Census Bureau plans to mail the 2010 Census questionnaires to the housing units. In other areas, Census Bureau enumerators will hand deliver questionnaires to all housing units in each block and record addresses for any new housing units.

The accuracy of the address list is critical to the census enumeration. Through participation in the New Construction program, your knowledge can help assure that we achieve complete coverage in our enumeration of your jurisdiction.

The enclosed *2010 Census New Construction Program* flyer provides further information that may assist you in deciding whether to participate in this program. Also enclosed is a New Construction program *Registration Form*.

If your tribal government chooses to participate, please do the following:

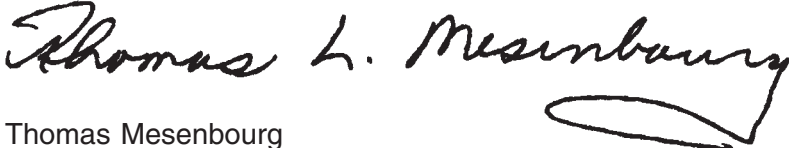
- 1) Review the enclosed information about the program;
- 2) Designate a New Construction program liaison;
- 3) Complete, sign, and return the *Registration Form* to the Census Bureau.

The registration forms must be completed and received by the Census Bureau by October 8, 2009. The Census Bureau will begin shipping New Construction materials to registered participants beginning in November 2009. If you decide to participate your New Construction submission must be received no later than 45 calendar days after you receive your New Construction materials. Address submissions will only be accepted in electronic format. Program materials will include a choice of shapefiles or PDF maps for reference only. The New Construction program will not accept map updates.

Please continue with letter on reverse.

Please return the enclosed form to the Census Bureau as soon as possible in the enclosed FedEx prepaid envelope. If you have any questions regarding the New Construction program, please contact your Census Bureau Regional Census Center by telephone at 1-866-511-5822 or via e-mail at .

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas L. Mesenbourg in black ink.

Thomas Mesenbourg
Acting Director

Enclosures
2010 New Construction Program flyer (D-1745)
2010 New Construction Registration Form (D-1746)
FedEx prepaid envelope

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