

2011-2012 School District Review Program

The U.S. Census Bureau requests specific approval for the 2011-2012 School District Review Program (SDRP), which is covered under the generic clearance called the Geographic Partnership Programs (GPPs), OMB Control No. 0607-0795.

The SDRP has two phases: annotation and verification. Approval for the annotation phase was received in August 2011. This request is for approval of the verification phase.

The SDRP is sponsored by National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) so that the Census Bureau can create special tabulations of decennial census data by school district geography. The demographic data produced by the Census Bureau for the NCES and related to each school district is of vital importance for each state's allocation under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The NCES identifies a Title I Coordinator and a Mapping Coordinator in each state to work with the Census Bureau to implement this work.

In August 2011, a mapping coordinator in each state (appointed by the Title I Coordinator) received a variety of materials from the Census Bureau to use in their review and update of school district boundaries, names, codes and geographic relationships. The coordinators used the Census Bureau's MAF/TIGER Partnership Software (MTPS) and Census supplied spatial data in digital shapefile format to identify changes to the boundaries for their school districts in all but 2 states. The Census Bureau provides two states with paper maps, which the mapping coordinator annotates with any boundary changes.

The Census Bureau began processing changes submitted by the participants into our spatial database in September 2011, and will continue to process changes through January 2012. From January 2012 through March 2012, the Census Bureau will conduct the verification phase. During the verification phase, mapping coordinators will be given the opportunity to review the boundary, name, code and geographic relationship changes made by the Census Bureau during the annotation phase, and to provide any corrections as needed. The Census Bureau will email the verification materials in January 2012. The attachments to this document include examples of the materials the Census Bureau will provide to the mapping coordinators to review, including an explanatory email, listing and relationship files, and instructions for using the MTPS Viewer and downloading shapefiles (Attachment B to the materials provided during the annotation phase). The Fiscal Year 2012 estimate of average hours per respondent for the verification review is 4 hours. We anticipate that 25 participants will respond. Therefore, the Fiscal Year 2012 estimate of respondent burden hours is 100 hours.

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