

Dear Owner or Property Manager:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a very important survey called the Rental Housing Finance Survey (RHFS). The RHFS collects data on the following topics:

- Characteristics of residential structures
- Occupancy and rents of units within the residential structures
- Operating and capital improvement expenses
- Ownership structure
- Financing, government benefits, and non-governmental programs

A field representative from the Census Bureau will contact you to conduct a personal interview with you. If you are unable to participate in the personal interview, you may complete the survey questionnaire yourself. If you do, the field representative will arrange for a convenient time to collect it. We estimate that completing this survey will take 60 minutes of your time.

The Census Bureau selected this property, not you personally, as part of a scientifically selected sample. Because we selected your property to represent thousands of similar properties throughout the United States, your participation is vital. The information you provide to us about this property will help the government evaluate, monitor, and design national housing policies, priorities, and programs affecting multifamily rental housing. Multifamily owners, managers, developers and researchers will also be able to use the data to study the market and make better business decisions.

We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8, and Title 12, U.S.C., Sections 1701z-1, 1701z-2(g), and 1701z-10a. Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9 requires us to keep all information about you and your property strictly confidential. We use this information only for statistical purposes. Every Census Bureau employee has taken a lifetime oath to abide by this law and is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both, if he or she discloses any information that could identify you or your property.

The enclosed fact sheet provides answers to frequently asked questions about the RHFS. If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's Boston Regional Office toll-free number at 1-800-562-5721 or visit <www.census.gov/hhes/rhfs/rhfs.html>. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure

