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A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting the 2016 Government Units Survey (Form GUS-1) in preparation for the 2017 Census of Governments. In a few weeks, we will send a formal request to all county, municipal, township, and special district governments to participate in this survey. This survey gathers information on the basic characteristics of all local, general purpose, and special district governments. Government analysts use this information to update the universe of all county, municipal, township, and special district governments and produce the official count of local governments in the U.S. This survey is an integral part of maintaining the frame from which all public sector surveys are drawn. Responding to this survey in a timely manner helps us process data more efficiently, and save taxpayer money by reducing follow-up contacts.

The Census Bureau conducts and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13 U.S.C., Section 161; and Title 13 U.S.C., Section 193. We estimate this survey to take an average of 15 minutes to complete. On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding the Office of Management and Budget number; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement. When you receive the formal request, please read the instructions and complete your survey online by the due date on the log-in screen. You can complete the form and return it by the due date printed on the formal request.

Information you provide compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13 U.S.C., Section 9(b).

Thank you in advance for participating in the 2016 Government Units Survey. If you feel that this letter has reached you in error or if you have any other questions, please call (1-888) 369-3613 and choose option 4, or contact us by email at esmd.gus.psfcb@census.gov.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

OMB Number

You are not required to respond to this collection of information if it does not display a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0930 and appears in the upper right corner of the report form/login screen.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13 U.S.C., Section 161; and Title 13 U.S.C., Section 193 authorizes the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. Information provided in this collection tool compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13 U.S.C., Section 9(b).

Burden Estimate Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0930, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-8K122, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0930 as the subject.