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**FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**

The U.S. Census Bureau requests your participation in the Survey of Construction (SOC), which produces statistics on new residential construction. The permit information from your office and many others around the country will allow accurate classification of building permits in the SOC.

Toll Free Telephone Number
1-800-845-8244

The survey produces estimates of starts and completions of new single- and multifamily units and sales of new single-family houses. Government and private entities use these statistics to monitor and evaluate the large and dynamic housing construction industry and to make vital economic decisions.

Visit our web site:
www.census.gov/starts

The Census Bureau requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of the Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182. We estimate this survey to take an average of 15 minutes to complete. Information provided on this questionnaire compiled from, or customarily provided in, public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b). 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. A Census Bureau Representative will call or visit you to explain the survey and to gather information.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please call the Toll Free number provided on this letter.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

Enclosures

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0125 and appears in the upper right corner of the report form. Without this approval, we cannot conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182, authorizes the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b) exempting data that are customarily provided in public records from rules of confidentiality.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this survey will take an average of 15 minutes to complete, 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: EID Survey Comments 0607-0125, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EID-7K181, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to eid.rcb.customer.service@census.gov. Be sure to use EID Survey Comments 0607-0125 as the subject.