## A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:

We are requesting your cooperation with the Survey of Construction (SOC), which produces statistics on new residential construction.

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.

**YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.** We estimate this survey will take an average of 5 minutes to complete an interview for each building. Information about the authority,

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confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter. Please complete the enclosed form(s) on new residential buildings selected

for this very important survey and return it as soon as possible.

If you have additional questions, please call the Toll Free number provided on this letter.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places, and economy. Your response makes a difference.

Enclosures

## **OMB Number**

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0110 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. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Section 9 of

the same law to keep your information confidential and can use your responses only to produce statistics.

The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your

business, organization, or institution. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data

are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

## Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this survey will take an average of 5 minutes to complete an interview for each building, 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 0607-0110 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 0607-0110 as the subject.