Subject: From the U.S. Census Bureau - Invitation to participate in the 2020 Census New Construction Program

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR DECENNIAL CENSUS PROGRAMS

Dear <HEO\_NAME>:

The U.S. Census Bureau invites your government to participate in the 2020 Census New Construction Program (New Construction Program). The New Construction Program provides tribal, state, and local governments an opportunity to update the Census Bureau's residential address list with living quarters for which construction is in progress during or after March 1, 2018 and completion is expected by Census Day, April 1, 2020.

The New Construction Program is a voluntary program. The Census Bureau strongly encourages your participation for the following reasons:

- The federal government allocates over \$675 billion in federal funds annually for infrastructure, programs, and services based on the Census Bureau data.
- Participation ensures that your government will gain valuable information that will aid in making decisions about education, health services, and housing.
- Participation helps to ensure an accurate population count for your government. The Census Bureau
  relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated
  population for inclusion in the decennial census.

If your government chooses to participate, please visit the 2020 Census New Construction Website for more information and fill out the online 2020 Census New Construction Program Registration Form at <a href="https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/new-construction.html">https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/new-construction.html</a> by June 14, 2019.

The Census Bureau will begin shipping New Construction Program materials to registered participants in September 2019. New Construction Program submissions must be received no later than 45 calendar days after receipt of the New Construction Program materials.

If you have questions regarding the New Construction Program, please contact the Census Bureau by email at <u>GEO.2020.NC@census.gov</u> or by telephone at 1-844-242-1765.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director for

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