**Subject: BASYYYY Annual Response – HEO/TC Courtesy Copy <BAS\_ID>**

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**This is a courtesy copy to the Highest Elected Official (HEO)/Tribal Chair (TC).**

**Please verify that the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) contact has responded to the survey. If they have, no further action is required.**

The BAS Annual Response information has recently been sent to this BAS contact:

Name: <<BAS\_NAME>>

Position: <<BAS\_POSITION>>

Department: <<BAS\_DEPT\_NAME>>

Shipping Address: <<BAS\_SHIPPING\_ADDRESS>>

City, State, Zip: <<BAS\_CITY\_STATE\_ZIP>>

Phone: <<BAS\_PHONE>>

E-mail: <<BAS\_EMAIL>>

The U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) is now conducting the 2018 BAS. Do not miss your opportunity to participate in the 2018 BAS and ensure that the Census Bureau has current and accurate boundary, legal name, and governmental status information for your government.

We strongly encourage your participation in the 2018 BAS for the following reasons:

* Boundary updates complete the Census Bureau’s geographic framework for data collection, tabulation, and dissemination, and are vital to the success of the 2020 Census, the American Community Survey (ACS), Population Estimates Program (PEP), and many other censuses and surveys.
* The federal government allocates more than $675 billion in federal funds annually for health, welfare, infrastructure, education, and other federal programs and services.
* Responding to the 2018 BAS ensures that your local government receives the funds for which it is entitled and has the best data available for its decision-making processes.

Action Step:

* Respond to the 2018 BAS – You will find step-by-step instructions on how to respond to the 2018 BAS on the BAS website linked below.

[**Click here to go to the BAS website**](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bas.html)

*NOTE: Please respond to the BAS with a “NO” response if you have no boundary changes, annexations, or contact updates to report for your government. By responding “NO”, we are able to confirm that your government has received and reviewed the BAS. If you do not respond, we will contact your government to confirm your boundary change status.*

**KEY DATES**

**January 1, 2018** All boundary changes must be legally in effect on or before this date to be reported in the 2018 BAS.

**March 1, 2018** BAS boundary updates submitted by this date will be reflected in the ACS and PEP published data and in next year’s BAS materials.

**May 31, 2018** BAS boundary updates submitted by this date will be reflected in next year’s BAS materials.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Website: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bas.html>

Thank you for your participation in the BAS.