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

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the Boundary Validation Program (BVP) in order to provide an opportunity for you as the Highest Elected Official to review the Census Bureau's boundary data for governmental units. This is an important opportunity for you to ensure that we have your correct legal boundaries, name and governmental status. The Census Bureau uses the boundary information to tabulate data from the 2020 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey.

The BVP package includes a BVP form and a CD/DVD with a map product for your governmental unit. **Please review our depiction of your legal boundary for accuracy and return the completed BVP form within ten days of receipt if the information is correct.** The maps should reflect the legal boundary for your governmental unit effective on January 1, 2020. The BVP form can be returned via fax (1-800-972-5652), in the enclosed postage paid envelope, or scanned and emailed to <geo.bas@census.gov>.

The BVP is administered in parallel with the 2020 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). If the legal boundary for your governmental unit is incorrect, please work with your BAS contact (printed on the enclosed BVP form) to submit changes or corrections to the January 1, 2020 boundary. Your BAS contact should already have received a BAS package that includes a map product and submission instructions. The submission deadline for the BAS is March 1, 2020. If we receive changes from you before March 1, 2020, you will have an additional opportunity to review the updated maps and verify the boundaries for your government prior to the final data tabulation for the 2020 Decennial Census. If we receive changes from you after March 1, 2020, we will use your response to correct the boundary, but we will not have sufficient time to send you an updated map before we finalize the data tabulations.

If you need any assistance with this request, please email <geo.bas@census.gov>, telephone (1-800-972-5651), or visit our website at <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bas.html>>.

Enclosures

We estimate that completing this program will take a total of 72 hours on average. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to [geo.bas@census.gov](mailto:geo.bas@census.gov). This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight digit OMB approval number that appears at the upper left of the letter confirms this approval. If this number were not displayed, we could not conduct this survey. The Census Bureau conducts this program under the legal authority of the Title 13 U.S. Code, Section 6.