

## PANEL WELCOME LETTER

[WELCOME LETTER WILL BE MAILED AND EMAILED (IF EMAIL IS AVAILABLE) AFTER BASELINE COMPLETE AND PANEL MEMBER HAS ENROLLED.]

[IF HARDCOPY MAILING]

[ADDRESS1]

[ADDRESS2]

[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

[IF EMAIL, FILL SUBJECT LINE: Welcome to the Ask U.S. Panel pilot!]

Dear [FNAME],

Welcome to the Ask U.S. Panel pilot! Your participation in the pilot panel is important. The information you provide may be used by the U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Defense to develop policies that will support you, your fellow service members, and military spouses and families. Your responses ensure that our surveys represent an accurate picture of active-duty military and military spouses. When you respond to surveys your answers not only represent your household, but also hundreds of other similar military households.

The purpose of the pilot panel is to collect public opinion on a variety of topics and gather information that can be used to improve and inform future surveys. This pilot will also test feasibility and procedures that will be used to develop and implement a long-term panel. The information you provide will help the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Census Bureau better understand public opinion on a variety of different topics.

Now that you are enrolled in the panel you should expect to receive one additional survey in about 4 weeks. You will receive an invitation to participate in the survey via [DEPENDING ON CONTACT PREFERENCES, FILL: email/text; email and text].

You can also visit the Ask U.S. Panel pilot website at <https://askuspanel.rti.org> to learn more about the pilot panel.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, you can reach the Ask U.S. Panel pilot support team from 9:00 am-12:00 am Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am-11:00 pm on Fridays, 10:00 am-9:00 pm on Saturdays, and 1:30 pm-11:00 pm on Sundays (EST) at 1-866-558-0774 or via email at [askuspanel@rti.org](mailto:askuspanel@rti.org).

Thank you again for joining the Ask U.S. Panel pilot!

Sincerely,

[CONTACT]