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**Subject: YYYY Tribal Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) - BAS ID: <BAS\_ID>**

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<ENTITY\_LEGAL\_AIA\_NAME>

The U.S. Census Bureau is now conducting the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). Do not miss this opportunity to participate in BAS to ensure that the Census Bureau has current and accurate legal boundary, name, and status information for your tribal government. Participants may also provide updates to census designated places. The National American Indian Housing Council will also notify its members about BAS.

BAS is a voluntary survey. We strongly encourage your participation in BAS for the following reasons:

- The Census Bureau uses this boundary information for data collection, tabulation, and dissemination for the decennial census, American Community Survey (ACS), 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. Correct boundaries ensure governments receive funds appropriately and have the best data available for their decision-making processes.

**Action Step:**

- **Review your government's boundary and respond to BAS** using our interactive BAS Annual Response Form. The form includes all resources and instructions to review boundaries and respond to BAS.

[Go to BAS Annual Response Form](#)

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Census Bureau is offering training webinars for BAS. The webinar schedule and registration instructions are on the [BAS Webinars webpage](#).

### KEY DATES

- January 1** Boundary updates must be legally in effect on or before this date to be reported in the current survey year.
- March 1** First BAS deadline - Boundary updates returned by this date will be reflected in the ACS data and in next year's BAS materials.
- May 31** Final BAS deadline - Boundary updates returned by this date will be reflected in next year's BAS materials.

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Thank you for your participation in BAS.