

Spatial, Address, and Imagery Data Program

Email Template

Dear <<CONTACT_SALUTATION>> <<LAST_NAME>>:

Thank you for your time and the willingness to share data for <<ENTITY_NAME>> with the U.S. Census Bureau. While participation in the SAID Program is voluntary, the data you share will help improve the spatial accuracy of roads, boundaries, and housing units in the Census Bureau's Master Address File/Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (MAF/TIGER) System. In addition, this data will help the Census Bureau to count the population of your locality more accurately and completely in the 2030 Census. The data in this system supports the Census Bureau's data collection as well as all geographic partnership programs and geographic data products.

Here is a list of the data the Census Bureau is interested in obtaining for <ENTITY_NAME>:

1) Address points file (coordinate locations)

Minimally containing the structure number (house number) and street name, in addition to the physical location of the address. Parsed address component fields are preferred, but we can use partially or fully concatenated physical location addresses if that is the structure of your data. Address type (residential, commercial, governmental) is also useful information if available.

2) Road centerline data

Minimally containing the street name and street type, as well as feature classification, distinguishing city streets from driveways, cemetery roads, trails, utility access roads, and railroads (if in your street file), for example. If you have address ranges, that is also highly useful.

3) Tax Parcel file

Minimally containing parcel site addresses and assessment data. We do not require owner name or tax bill mailing address, though we will accept the latter if it is included in your file. Please remove all instances of names from your file prior to submission.

4) Aerial imagery (top-down nadir view)

Minimally collected within the past two years, cloud free, and at a resolution of 1 meter or better.

5) Data dictionaries

File layout and textual description of data fields.

6) Metadata

- Vintage of data
- Spatial Reference information – projection and datum
- Source description
- Use restrictions

Please respond to let us know if you have any of the above data to share with the Census Bureau. We will contact you to discuss next steps and available data sharing options. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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