

**Email: BAS 3 <overprinting> and Text- County and State Consolidation Agreements**

**Subject: <YYYY> Boundary and Annexation Survey - CBAS - GOVID: <GOVID>**

<NAME> <ENTITY\_LSAD\_PUB\_NAME>

GOVID: <GOVID>

The U.S. Census Bureau is now conducting the <YYYY> Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). Do not miss this annual opportunity to review and update the legal boundary, name, and status information the Census Bureau has for your government.

Your state, county, or county equivalent government holds a Consolidated BAS (CBAS) agreement with the Census Bureau allowing them to provide a BAS response on your government's behalf. The CBAS contact reports all updates to the Census Bureau. We request you work with your CBAS contact to make sure all updates for your government are reported to BAS.

BAS is a voluntary survey. However, we strongly encourage your participation for the following reasons:

- The Census Bureau uses boundary information for data collection, tabulation, and to issue the results of the decennial census, American Community Survey, Population Estimates Program, and many other censuses and surveys.
- The federal government distributes more than \$2.8 trillion in funds annually for health, welfare, infrastructure, education, and other federal programs and services. Correct boundaries help make sure that governments receive proper funds and have the best data available for their decision-making processes.

To standardize experiences across the Census Bureau's Geographic Partnership Programs, your BAS ID is now your GOVID. This unique geographic identifier will help us keep track of program participation and proper contact information. The ID itself has not changed from last year.

#### **ACTION STEPS**

- **Review your government's boundary** using the [BAS partnership shapefiles](#) and your own GIS or one of our custom [mapping tools](#).
- **Update your contact information** using our interactive, online [BAS Annual Response Form](#). The form includes all resources needed to respond to the survey.
- **Work with your CBAS contact** to make sure all updates for your government are reported to BAS.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Work with your CBAS contact listed below regarding your government's update(s) for BAS. Direct general questions about BAS to the Census Bureau.

**<COUNTY\_NAME|LSAD> or <NAME>**

Name: <FULL\_NAME>

Position: <POSITION>

Department: <DEPT\_NAME>

Mailing Address: <MAILING ADDRESS>

City, State, ZIP: <CITY\_STATE\_ZIP>

Phone: <PHONE>

Email: <EMAIL>

Thank you for your participation in BAS.



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