

**E-mail: BAS-E-SDC - BAS Announcement: State Data Center**

**Subject: <YYYY> Boundary and Annexation Survey-SDC**

The U.S. Census Bureau is now conducting the <YYYY> Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). BAS provides participants an opportunity to review and update the legal boundary, name, and status information the Census Bureau has for their government.

BAS is a voluntary survey. However, we strongly encourage tribal, state, and general-purpose local governments to participate in BAS 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 (ACS), Population Estimates Program (PEP), 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.

#### **ACTION STEPS**

- **Remind governments** in your state to review their boundaries and participate in BAS. Governments can respond using the interactive, online [BAS Annual Response Form](#) and their BAS ID.
- **Encourage participation** in BAS training webinars for those unfamiliar with the program. The webinar schedule, webinar recordings, and registration instructions are on the [BAS Webinars webpage](#).

#### **KEY DATES**

- January 1** Legal boundary changes must be in effect on or before this date to be reported in the current survey year.
- March 1** First BAS deadline—Legal boundary changes returned by this date will be shown in the ACS and PEP data and in next year's BAS materials.
- May 31** Final BAS deadline—Legal boundary changes returned by this date will be shown in next year's BAS materials. If time permits, boundary corrections returned by this date may also be shown.

Thank you for your time and support of BAS.



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