

**Appendix G: Partnership Program
Prospective Partner Interview Telephone Screener**

Hello, my name is _____ and I am calling from ICF International, a firm contracted by the Census Bureau to conduct focus groups related to the Partnership Program that took place just prior to the 2010 Census. We are conducting focus groups to improve the Partnership Program during the years leading to the 2020 Census. We are interested in identifying Partnership Program elements that will work, elements that will not work, and ways that the program can be enhanced and be made more engaging. We need to talk to organizations that participated in the Program as well as those that were approached by the Census Bureau but declined to be Partners. Do you have first-hand knowledge of the reasons why your organization did not participate?

If no,

Can you give us the name and contact information of anyone at your organization who may have first-hand knowledge?

If yes,

ICF is planning to hold telephone interviews with knowledgeable individuals in these organizations and we would like to find out if you might be willing to participate. The interview will take 30 minutes and will be scheduled at your convenience. Would you be available to complete an interview?

If yes,

- Verify location of their organization
- Verify position (manager, supervisor, other) of respondent
- Ask best days and times for the respondent
- Request any corrections/additions to respondent's contact information including email address
- Ask respondent to recommend additional participants from his/her organization (names, contact information)

Read this statement to the participant:

Please note that we cannot conduct this interview unless the protocol and the informed consent forms display valid OMB Control Numbers. Furthermore, you do not need to participate unless the protocols and forms have a valid OMB Control Number displayed. The OMB Control Number is: 0607-XXXX. The collection expires September 30, 2011.

I will schedule your interview as we agreed. Please mark your calendar, and plan to receive our call at [day/time]. One week before the interview I'll get back to you with a reminder.