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

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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 tribal government.

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 (ACS), 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**

- **Respond to BAS** using our interactive, online [BAS Annual Response Form](#) and your GOVID. The form includes all resources needed to respond to the survey and create a submission if updates are required.
- **View a webinar.** The Census Bureau offers a pre-recorded BAS Training 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 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 participation in BAS.



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