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FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting your help with the second component of the 2012 Census of Governments, the Survey of Public Employment & Payroll. This survey, authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, collects data on state and local government employment and payrolls **for the pay periods which include March 12, 2012**.

The 2012 Census of Governments is the only comprehensive source of information on employment and payrolls for all state and local governments in the United States. The information collected serves as an integral part of the foundation for developing national economic and public policy by measuring public activity. The successful completion of the Census of Governments will directly impact your government and the communities you serve by producing statistics about government organization, public employment, and government finance.

You may respond to this survey on the Internet at the following address: **https://respond.census.gov/aspep**. Use the identification number and password on the paper form to log in and complete the form online. If you prefer to respond by mail, answer the questions on the form and return the form in the enclosed envelope.

Respond either by mail or by the Internet--but not both. If you need assistance with your response, please contact us by e-mail at govs.employ@census.gov or call toll-free 1-800-832-2839 Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., ET. (Please note that the data collected on this voluntary survey are not confidential.)

Please retain a copy of your response for your records.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Census of Governments, Survey of Public Employment & Payroll. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director

Enclosures