

**ATTENTION:
BUILDING OR ZONING PERMIT OFFICIALS**

**The U.S. Census Bureau is very pleased to announce that electronic reporting
Is now available for the Building Permits Survey!**

Effective July 1, 2011 (for permits issued in June 2011), electronic reporting is available as an additional method of responding to the Building Permits Survey (BPS). The enclosed Form C-404, "REPORT OF BUILDING OR ZONING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW PRIVATELY-OWNED HOUSING UNITS", displays the Username and Password that you need to access the BPS questionnaire via Internet at www.census.gov/econhelp/bps.

If you choose to submit your BPS questionnaire via Internet, we will no longer mail you Form C-404. Instead, we will email you each month when it is time to submit your data. Mailing of the questionnaire will be resumed only if we do not receive your survey data electronically for three consecutive months. If you choose not to report electronically this month, you still may begin doing so at any time in the future. Your Username and Password will appear on your Form C-404 each month. You may also continue to report via mail or fax if you prefer.

The addition of electronic reporting will reduce our use of paper and costs for printing, postage, and keying of data from paper forms. We anticipate a more efficient, expedient, and cost effective process with the addition of electronic reporting.

The U.S. Census Bureau thanks you for your continued participation in the BPS. Your response to the BPS helps ensure the quality and timely publication of important data on construction activity.

If you have any questions, please call the Residential Construction Branch on 1-800-845-8244 or email us at MCD.RCB.BPS@census.gov.