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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
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**U.S. Census Bureau**
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A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau...

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting your help with the 2014 Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll. This survey, authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, collects information on the number of employees and their payroll for state and local governments **for the pay periods that include March 12, 2014**.

This survey is the only comprehensive source of information on the employment and payroll for 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.

You may respond to this survey online at the following address: **respond.census.gov/aspep**. To log in and complete the survey online, use the User ID and Password found on the enclosed paper questionnaire. If you prefer to respond by mail, answer the questions on the questionnaire and return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope. Respond either by mail or online -- but not both.

If you need assistance with your response, please contact us by phone at 1–800–832–2839 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at govs.employ@census.gov.

Please retain a copy of your response for your records.

Thank you for participating in the 2014 Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Enclosures