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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 161, collects information on the number of employees and their payroll for all state and local governments **for the pay periods that include March 12, 2012.**

The 2012 Census of Governments is the only comprehensive source of information on employment and payroll 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 online at the following address: **<https://respond.census.gov/aspep>**. Use the user ID 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 online--but not both.

If you need assistance with your response, please contact us by phone at 1-800-832-2839 weekdays between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM ET, or by email at [govs.employ@census.gov](mailto:govs.employ@census.gov).

Please retain a copy of your response for your records.

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

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves  
Director

Enclosures