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A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau...

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting your help with the 2013 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances. This survey, authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, provides measures of revenue by source, expenditures by character and function, indebtedness by term, and cash and investments by purpose for local governments in the United States.

This survey is the only comprehensive source of information on the finances of 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/alfin**. To log in and complete the survey online, use the User ID and Password found on the 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.finstaff@census.gov](mailto:govs.finstaff@census.gov).

Please retain a copy of your response for your records.

Thank you for participating in the 2013 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Enclosures