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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Census Bureau**

Office of the Director
Washington, DC 20233-0001

A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:

We request your participation with the **2020 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances**. This survey provides the only source of nationwide and comprehensive information on state and local government finances. Results of this survey are used by the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, state governments, other local governments, educational and research organizations, and the general public. For example, the U.S. Department of Justice uses our expenditure data to calculate the required pass-through percentages from state to local governments for the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants.

We will obtain most of the information for your city from the Annual Financial Report submitted to the Iowa State Auditor's Office. However, we need the information indicated on the enclosed form to complete our tabulations. The data should cover the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020.

Please use the enclosed form and return to the U.S. Census Bureau in the enclosed return envelope; or, download and complete the fillable PDF located at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/gov-finances/technical-documentation/questionnaires/annual-survey-forms.html> and submit to the following email: ewd.local.finance@census.gov.

For assistance with completing this survey, please email ewd.local.finance@census.gov or call the Local Finance Statistics Branch at 1-888-590-2748, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you in advance for your time and participation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people and economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven D. Dillingham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "D".

Steven D. Dillingham
Director

Enclosures

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0585. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 161 and 182, authorizes the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct this collection and request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b), which exempts data that are customarily provided in public records from rules of confidentiality.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate the Annual Survey of Local Government Finances will take an average of 2 hours to complete, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the survey.