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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.

Please fill out the survey online using the information below, and keep this letter for future reference:

**Website:**  
**User ID:**  
**Password:**  
**Due Date:**

We estimate this survey will take an average of 1.5 to 6 hours to complete. Information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing this survey, visit us online at the website above or call our customer help line at 1-800-832-2839, 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".

Steven D. Dillingham  
Director

### **OMB Number**

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0585 and appears in the top right corner of each reporting screen. 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 1.5 to 6 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.