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U.S. Census Bureau

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau requests your voluntary participation in the Survey of Construction (SOC), which produces statistics on new residential construction. The survey produces estimates of starts and completions of new single- and multifamily units and sales of new single-family houses. Government and private entities use these statistics to monitor and evaluate the large and dynamic housing construction industry and to make vital economic decisions.

Toll Free Telephone Number
1-800-845-8244

The legal authority to collect this data is Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 131 and 182. The permit information from your office and many others around the country will allow accurate classification of building permits in the SOC. A Census Bureau Representative will call or visit you to explain the survey and to gather information.

Visit our web site:
www.census.gov/starts

On the back of this letter, you will find disclosure descriptions regarding the Office of Management and Budget number; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please call the Toll Free number provided on this letter.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

Enclosures

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0125 and appears in the upper right corner of the report form. Without this approval, we cannot conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182, authorizes the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13, United States Code, and Section 9(b) exempting data that are customarily provided in public records from rules of confidentiality.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate that it will take from 12 to 18 minutes to complete an interview, with 15 minutes being the average time. Send comments regarding this estimate or any aspect of the collection of this information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0125, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD- 6K064, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0125 as the subject.