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U.S. Census Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS)

WHAT

BAS is a Census Bureau survey that allows local governments, minor civil divisions, counties, and states, as well as tribal governments, to submit changes to their legal boundaries, names, and governmental status effective on or before January 1 of the survey year.

WHEN

BAS is conducted annually by federal fiscal year (October 1st - September 30th). Entities receive notice of the program open schedule around December with changes due in March.

WHY

To assure current and accurate boundaries of governmental units for use in tabulating and presenting statistical data released from censuses and surveys.

The Census Bureau uses the BAS results to support a number of programs, including congressional and state legislative redistricting, the Decennial Census and related preparatory tests, the Economic Census, and the Special Census program. The annual American Community Survey uses BAS boundaries to tabulate survey results, and the Population Estimates Program uses BAS to ensure that the most current boundaries are available in the annual release of population estimates.

Numerous federal programs rely on accurate boundaries from each BAS. The United States Geological Survey depicts the annual BAS boundaries on their on-line National Map Service. The Department of Housing and Urban Development uses BAS boundaries to determine jurisdictional eligibility for various grant programs, such as the Community Development Block Grant program. The Department of Agriculture uses BAS boundaries to determine eligibility for various rural housing and economic development programs.

FY14 PROGRAM SUSPENSION

The U. S. Census Bureau has suspended the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) in FY 2014, which runs from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, due to budget constraints within the federal government.

EXCEPTIONS TO FY14 SUSPENSION

There are two exceptions to the processing of legal boundary updates in fiscal year 2014. The Census Bureau will continue to process national standard code changes, new incorporations, disincorporations, and name changes due to an agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey. The Census Bureau also maintains the Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS) codes for all federal, state, and local governments separate from the BAS program as well as tribal governments. In addition, the Census Bureau will continue to process legal boundary updates as part of the Special Census Program and Geographically Updated Population Certification Program.

QUESTIONS

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