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**From:** GEO BAS (CENSUS/GEO) <geo.bas@census.gov>  
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**Subject:** Consolidated Boundary and Annexation Survey (CBAS) Participation Request - 4

Good Afternoon,

You have received this email because you are listed as the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) contact for your government. If you are not the correct contact for this survey, please let us know. You can reach us by email or phone using the contact information below.

The U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) recently completed the 2018 BAS. The BAS is an annual survey providing tribal, state, and local governments an opportunity to submit changes to legal boundaries, names, and governmental status effective on or before January 1 of the survey year.

The Census Bureau offers Consolidated BAS (CBAS) agreements to counties interested in submitting boundary changes for the legal governments (incorporated places and minor civil divisions) within their jurisdiction. CBAS reduces time and cost burdens on local governments, and helps to avoid duplication of effort between governments. In addition, accurate boundaries ensure that your government has the best data available for its decision-making processes, and helps the federal government allocate more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually for programs and services.

If your county is interested in participating in a CBAS agreement, please email <[geo.bas@census.gov](mailto:geo.bas@census.gov)> with your county's name and request to participate by September 7, 2018.

Governments within your county that agree to participate in your CBAS agreement will no longer receive BAS respondent materials, however, the Highest Elected Official will receive notification when the BAS cycle begins.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the CBAS program, please contact the BAS team.

### Contact Information:

Email: <[geo.bas@census.gov](mailto:geo.bas@census.gov)>

Phone: (301)763-1099.

Website: <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/bas/information/consolidated-bas.html>>.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you.

### Boundary and Annexation Survey

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## Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS)

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### Consolidated BAS (CBAS) Agreements

The Census Bureau offers Consolidated BAS (CBAS) agreements to counties that are interested in submitting boundary changes for the legal governments (incorporated places and minor civil divisions (MCDs)) within their jurisdiction.

#### Benefits of CBAS

- Helps to ensure collection of complete and accurate geographies.
- County governments often have the resources to respond to the BAS using a digital response method, while many smaller governments still use paper maps or do not respond at all. The use of paper maps has shown to be slightly more inaccurate than when we receive a response digitally.
- Reduces time and cost burdens on local governments.
- Reduce duplication of effort between local and county governments and the Census Bureau.
- The Census Bureau only has to work with one government (the county). This saves budget and staff time (i.e. taxpayer dollars).

If your county is interested in establishing a CBAS agreement, please complete the CBAS agreement form (BAS-6) below or contact the Census Bureau's Geography Division by telephone at 301-763-1099 or email [geo.bas@census.gov](mailto:geo.bas@census.gov). The CBAS agreement form records the governments that wish to be included in the county's consolidated BAS response. Local governments that are included in a CBAS agreement will no longer receive a BAS package each year, however they will receive notification announcing the commencement of the annual BAS.

For places/MCDs interested in joining a CBAS agreement, please review the Current Consolidated BAS Agreements list below. If your county is participating in CBAS, send a request to join the existing agreement to [geo.bas@census.gov](mailto:geo.bas@census.gov).

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