

April 24, 2015

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** John H. Thompson

Director, U.S. Census Bureau

FROM: Carol Rice

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Assessment

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the 2015 Census Test (Maricopa County, Arizona)

As part of our fiscal year 2015 audit plan, we are initiating an audit of the 2015 Census Test.

We have two objectives:

1. assess (a) the Bureau's progress for determining whether enumerators are able to use mobile devices to collect household data during the 2015 Census Test as well as (b) the status of the Bureau's efforts to overcome policy and legal issues associated with the use of employee-owned mobile devices.

2. assess the status of the Bureau's reengineered and automated operational control system to manage field work.

An entrance conference is scheduled for April 29, 2015, at which time we will discuss our audit objectives and scope in more detail. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 482-6020 or Brad Rogers, Statistician and Audit Manager, at (202) 482-3030. We appreciate the cooperation of your staff during this audit.

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