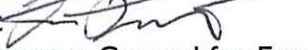




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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Thomas L. Mesenbourg  
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**FROM:** Ron Prevost   
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and Statistical Program Assessment

**SUBJECT:** Audit of Process to Implement Census Budget Reductions

As part of our fiscal year 2013 audit and evaluation plan, we will review the bureau's process for implementing FYs 2013 and 2014 budget reductions to the 2020 Census Research Program.

We will examine:

- Census's process for implementing the budget reductions to the 2020 research program, including Research & Testing (R&T) and the Geographic Support System Initiative (GSS).
- The effect of the reductions on R&T and GSS, as well as on the bureau's ability to fulfill its goal of a 2020 Census that costs less per household than the 2010 Census.
- The roles of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Economic and Statistics Administration in 2020 Census budget oversight.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. In the interim, we will send a request for documents. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-3052 or Carol Rice, Division Director for Statistical Programs, at (202) 482-6020. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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