

October 21, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: County Council Chairpersons and Chief Administrative Officers

**SUBJECT: THE CENSUS COUNT SEMINAR – Friday, November 6
Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia**

The South Carolina Association of Black County Officials is presenting a seminar on “**THE CENSUS COUNT**” on **Friday, November 6, at Embassy Suites Hotel** (I-126 & Greystone Blvd. – “Zoo” Exit) in Columbia. We asked the South Carolina Association of Counties to be a co-sponsor, and the SCAC has agreed.

As you may recall, South Carolina was 49th in the nation in reporting accurate data for the 2000 Census. Because of the undercount, we lost funding and the possibility of enhancing any political gain that we may have realized from an accurate count. The purpose of this seminar will be to provide county officials with updated information, ideas, strategies and practices that your county can use to help obtain an accurate Census count. Representatives from the State Census Count, as well as individuals who understand our region, counties and the people of our state, will be on hand to provide us with the tools to ensure that we obtain the most complete and accurate count possible.

In addition, Robert Croom from the Association of Counties will be on hand to explain H.3272, the ATI (assessable transfer of interest for property taxation purposes) legislation that is pending second reading on the Senate floor in special order status. He will report on the differences between the House-passed and Senate Finance Committee versions of the bill and what impact this legislation will have on local government revenues, the construction industry and new investment.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a luncheon. The program will run until 5:00 p.m. We encourage you to invite everyone from your county who is interested in learning about how they can help get the best Census count for your county.

Please complete the attached registration form by **Friday, October 30**, to indicate your attendance plans for this important meeting. **There is a \$20 registration fee per attendee, and THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

REGISTRATION FORM

THE CENSUS COUNT SEMINAR

Friday, November 6, 2009

1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia

Please register me to attend The Census Count Seminar:

Name _____

Title _____ **County** _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

There is a \$20 registration fee per attendee. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. Please make checks payable to the South Carolina Association of Counties.

Return this form by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, to:

SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

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