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2010 Census ‘Non-Response Follow-Up’ Operations to Begin Soon

DUBUQUE, IA – The U.S. Census Bureau will begin "Non-Responsive Follow-Up" Operations on May 1st with the 18 percent of households in Dubuque that did not return their questionnaire by mail. Census takers will visit a household several times in an effort to get the basic information on the ten questions on the 2010 Census.

When a census taker visits a home, he or she will try to collect the information by interviewing an adult member of the household. If a census taker cannot contact a household after repeated attempts, they will seek information in any way possible to estimate the number of people living in the home. Dennis R. Johnson, Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, stated, "I encourage the public to cooperate with census takers when they are working in your neighborhood. The 2010 Census is not yet completed and this work is vital to our efforts to get a complete and accurate count of everyone living in your community."

These follow-up operations will be conducted by official census takers. An official census taker must present an ID Badge with a Department of Commerce seal and expiration date; may be carrying a bag with a U.S. Census Bureau logo; will provide you with their supervisor's phone number and/or the local census office phone number for verification.

The 2010 Census is a huge undertaking that also provides temporary employment opportunities for local residents interested in working on the census. Census jobs offer good pay, flexible hours and paid training while performing an important public service. Best of all, those hired may work in their own community.

Census jobs are perfect summer jobs for teachers, students (over 18 years old), retirees, and just about anyone interested in earning some extra money. Interested applicants must be U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, have a valid Social Security Card, and be available to work 20 to 40 hours a week. Applicants must take a basic skills test and pass a background check. Interested persons should call 1-866-861-2010 to find out how and where to apply for a job working on the 2010 Census.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census web site at www.2010census.gov, or our local web site at www.cityofdubuque.org/census.

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Created in 1790 and required by law every 10 years, the census gathers a wide variety of information that is used to disperse funds equitably across the nation for thousands of projects, including health care, education, community infrastructure, business development and more.

*In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than **\$400 billion** is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years.*