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U.S. Census Bureau to honor Wayne County and 15 municipalities

(DETROIT) - The U.S. Census Bureau will honor Wayne County and 15 municipalities for their outstanding work in outreach and reporting for the 2010 Census.

The event will take place 10 A.M., Thurs. Sept. 23, 2010 on the 32nd floor of the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold.

The Complete Count Initiative, which kicked off last February, involved a partnership between Wayne County, its 43 cities and townships and the Census Bureau, with a clear mission: count every person residing in the county for the decennial census.

Wayne County as well as Allen Park, Dearborn, Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Lincoln Park, Inkster, Livonia, Plymouth, Riverview, Taylor, Westland, Wyandotte and Brownstown Twp were all recognized for their high performance in counting citizens for the 2010 Census.

“This event honoring the partners in the Complete Count Initiative is very satisfying,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “Everyone’s dedication and hard work came together to make this a successful count campaign.”

An accurate Census count is critical to the region’s ability to capture a portion of \$400 billion in federal funds each year for critical services. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, it is estimated that Wayne County was undercounted in the 2000 Census by 12 percent

The 2010 Census will also determine if the State of Michigan maintains or loses a seat in the House of Representatives. Michigan lost a seat in the House as a result of the 2000 Census.

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