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**2010 Census Recruiting for Thousands of Short Term Jobs**  
**Testing Begins Soon for Locally-Based Enumerators**

CHICAGO - The U.S. Census Bureau's Chicago Regional Census Center recently announced some very positive news in light of today's extremely tight job market: about 70,000 people will be recruited in the coming weeks to work for the 2010 Census across the Chicago Region—which is composed of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin—between December, 2009 and June, 2010.

"These jobs allow people to work in—and for— their neighborhoods," said Stanley D. Moore, Chicago Regional Director. "Even though most are part-time, temporary jobs lasting two to six weeks, working on this once-a-decade headcount allows census takers to be a part of history," he added.

Conducted every decade since 1790, this constitutionally mandated enumeration of the U.S. population determines the number of seats Illinois will have in the House of Representatives. It also affects the apportionment of political districts as well as leads to the accurate distribution of community funding for schools, roads, neighborhood improvements and elderly care.

The Census hires locally, and applicants are required to take a basic skills test and undergo a background check. Most jobs also require U.S. citizenship, a driver's license, use of a vehicle and the ability to go door-to-door to interview residents. Since the U.S. population is more diverse than ever, in many areas, the Census will need to hire people who are bilingual.

**Testing times and locations across the Chicago Region are available by calling, toll free, 1-866-861-2010.** More information about the positions, including application forms and a practice test, are available at the Census website: [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census).

