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Office of the Speaker, Navajo Council partner with Local Census Office to develop accuracy of Census 2010 operation

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Office of the Speaker and the 21st Navajo Nation Council has partnered with the Window Rock Local Census Office to complete the decennial census count on the Navajo Nation, including the satellite lands of Ramah, Tohajilee and Alamo, N.M. The partnership is aimed to develop accuracy in all parts of the Census 2010 operation.

Caroletta Manuelito, assistant manager for recruiting for the Window Rock Local Census Office, said the partnership with the Navajo Nation Council and the Office of the Speaker will help to inform chapters of the hiring process of the census jobs and the awareness of enumerator presence in communities across the Navajo Nation.

"We want the Council delegates and Office of the Speaker to promote census jobs at all chapters," Manuelito said. "We will be hiring at all chapters. We also would like for the delegates to inform their chapters of enumeration beginning on March 22."

On the Navajo Nation, the local census office is hiring for 1,275 enumerators, 110 crew leaders and 12 field operation officers. In Tuba City, Ariz. -- the central point of the Western Navajo Agency -- 200 jobs will be available to canvas the area, which will help spur the local economy. The census jobs on the Navajo Nation generally employ individuals from eight weeks or more depending on the area of operation.

"There is a proclamation from the Navajo Nation recommending participation in the 2010 Census, and there is a resolution sent out to the chapters and passed by each chapter, but there are some chapters not cooperating and asking for payment on facilities," said Local Census Manager Sheryl K. Smith.

"Some chapters have charged our recruitment assistants for using chapter space, so we need delegates to inform their respective chapters of recruitment of jobs in the communities and the enumeration presence," said Manuelito.

All citizens on the Navajo Nation are highly encouraged to tie up their dogs and other pets once the enumeration process begins on March 22 as some enumerators have been bitten by dogs in the past.

There is also opportunity for community members to seek more information from the Tribal Road Tours program, which will provide census information regarding jobs and awareness to interested individuals.

On Feb. 22, the Tribal Road Tours program will be at the Bashas' parking lot in Tuba City; at the Window Rock Veterans' Park on Feb. 23; and in Shiprock, N.M., on Feb. 26. The national census office will be present at the Navajo Nation Veterans' Park in Window Rock on March 28 and they are encouraging participation from Navajo Nation leaders.

Applicants interested in any positions with the Census should contact the Window Rock Local Census Office located at the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers--Pad B near Highway 264 and Navajo Route 12. Their mailing address is: Post Office Box 2927, Window Rock, AZ 86515 or call 1-866-861-2010.

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