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Dear COMMITS NexGen Vendors:

Thank you for participating in the Census COMMITS NexGen Industry Day and Vendors Expo. We hope the event was as beneficial for you as it was for us!

At Census, we are committed to creating opportunities for you to meet with our Program Managers and staff. We are currently planning a "Reverse" Industry Day, where our Program Managers and staff will set up tables and provide information about their Programs Areas, while COMMITS NexGen Vendors meet and interact with them and learn about different opportunities at Census. This event is expected to take place in the next couple months. More information will be posted on this website as it becomes available.

Among other news, we posted our current Task Order schedule including relevant information currently available. We have made an adjustment to the Schedule presented at the Industry Day. Our plan is to release our first two (2) Requests for Solutions (RFS) on **Monday, April 18, 2005**, with a sixty (60) day source selection cycle. We will use this timeline for the first four (4) RFS released, and then increase to releasing and managing four (4) RFS per 60 day cycle. The reason for this adjustment is I want to ensure quality and fairness in these acquisitions and don't want to rush the team as we embark on this new process. We are confident this itinerary will ensure the best transition to COMMITS NexGen and fair competition for all.

Please notice recent changes to our website. We have posted the Industry Day presentation and the previous ITS Statement of Work, for your reference. We are currently working on an FAQ section, an Ordering Guide and a Tool Kit and expect to have them available within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with your suggestions, comments and concern at acq.ccnq@census.gov.

Sincerely,

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