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Census Bureau to open over 100 questionnaire assistance centers in So. AZ on March 19

The U.S. Census Bureau will open more than 100 questionnaire assistance centers (QACs) in southern Arizona on March 19, Pima Association of Governments announced today.

Pima Association of Governments is coordinating regional public outreach on behalf of its member jurisdictions, including the Cities of South Tucson and Tucson, Pima County, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the Towns of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Nationwide, the bureau will open 30,000 QACs to help people in hard-to-count communities understand the census and help people fill out their questionnaires.

The public may visit the centers to ask questions about the Census forms they receive if they do not understand a question. They may receive translation services, receive assistance in filling out the form or they may pick up a form if they did not receive one in the mail or by delivery to their home.

The QACs are located at libraries, churches, neighborhood and cultural centers and chambers among other locations.

The centers will be open through April 19. Hours of each location will vary. The phone number for the QACs is (520) 918-1813. For more information about the 2010 Census, please visit www.2010census.gov.

Pima Association of Governments is an association of local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, air quality and water quality. Please visit www.PAGnet.org for more information.