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To:             Whom It May Concern

From:           Mark Fossett, Executive Director
                Texas Federal Statistical Research Data Center

Re:             Researcher Access to Houston Building Parking (Lot 107)

Under terms of a contract between the US Census Bureau and Texas A&M University, the Texas Federal Statistical Research Data Center (TXRDC) operates a federally approved, secure research computing lab 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The TXRDC computing lab is located in the Donald L. Houston Bldg. TXRDC researchers and/or their home institutions pay significant fees to use the TXRDC computing lab. Many TXRDC researchers travel long distances to use the research facility. It is important therefore that TXRDC researchers have access to Lot 107 so they may use the TXRDC secure lab.

We have consulted closely with TAMU Parking to verify that the following guidelines apply to TXRDC Researcher parking.

Regular Business Hours (6 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays)
Lot 107 is reserved. TAMU researchers require either (a) a parking pass for Lot 107, or (b) a TAMU parking pass in combination with a TAMU Business Pass. Visiting researchers require a “scratch off” visitors permit (to be obtained from the TXRDC).

Weekday Evenings (5:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. weekdays)
Lot 107 is reserved but with milder restrictions than during business hours. TAMU researchers require a TAMU parking pass but do not additionally need a business pass. Visiting researchers still need to have scratch off temporary permits.

Regular Weekends (5 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday)
Lot 107 is open to anyone; no permits are required.

Special Occasion Days (e.g., home football games)
Lot 107 is reserved. TXRDC researchers can park under the guidelines for Regular Business Hours (above).

Thank you for your kind cooperation in providing TXRDC researchers appropriate access to the TXRDC computing lab consistent with the terms of the contract between TAMU and Census and between TAMU and other universities. Please contact me if you have any questions about this matter.