

CFS-1000-L1a

Dear Company Official,

Your company has been selected to participate in the 2012 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS). The CFS, part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Census that is conducted every 5 years, provides important statistics about the movement of goods in the United States and how businesses like yours use transportation to ship these goods. These data are used by policy makers and transportation planners to make informed decisions for improving the transportation infrastructure.

The address below is the location for which the CFS will be requesting information:

Company Name

Shipping Address

City, State, Zip Code

Information for the CFS will be collected quarterly throughout 2012. To help you prepare for the 2012 CFS, we are including the reporting schedule:

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
01/07/12 - 01/13/12	02/02/12
04/08/12 - 04/14/12	05/04/12
07/08/12 - 07/14/12	08/03/12
10/07/12 - 10/13/12	11/02/12

Approximately two weeks before each reporting period, your company will receive a questionnaire in the mail. When the questionnaire arrives, please complete it and mail it back by the due date. You will also have the opportunity to respond online.

Your responses are completely **confidential** under Title 13 of the United States Code, and are seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information. Your response to these questions is **required by law** - Title 13, United States Code, sections 131, 193, and 224.

To learn more about the CFS and access the aggregate results of the survey, please visit www.census.gov/econ/cfs/.

If you have questions, please call 1-800-772-7851, option "3", weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time or visit the business help site (BHS) at <http://bhs.econ.census.gov/bhs/cfs/index.html>.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves

Director
U.S. Census Bureau

((This address and bar code will be printed on the back of the letter to be shown through the window on the envelope))

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