

FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions as authorized by Title 13, Section 182, United States Code to provide national data on the assets, revenues, and expenditures of the largest public-employee retirement systems. This survey currently consists of a panel of the 100 largest retirement systems, which comprise 89.4 percent of financial activity among such entities, based on the 2007 Census of Governments.

Please complete this questionnaire and return it in the enclosed addressed envelope within 30 days. We will use your information to produce the Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions reports, which will provide current statistics on the composition of financial assets for this significant group of institutional investors. The data requested are not confidential because they are public record information.

We prefer that you use actual amounts in completing this survey, but reasonable estimates are acceptable if actual data are not available. We do not intend to publish any amounts relating to specific systems. The Census Bureau will only use the data for statistical purposes to assemble national totals. However, the information you provide will be subject to all provisions of Federal information disclosure law.

We estimate that it will take from 30 minutes to 2 hours to complete this survey, with 45 minutes being the average time. This includes time to read the instructions, assemble material, organize and review the information, and maintain and report the information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Paperwork Project 0607-0143, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, AMSD-3K138, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0143" as the subject.

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved this survey and gave it OMB approval number 0607-0143. Displaying this number shows that the Census Bureau is authorized to conduct this survey.

If you have any questions, please call the Census Bureau's Governments Division on 1-888-529-1963. Thank you for your cooperation in this voluntary survey. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director

Enclosures