

Cover Letters

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FROM THE DIRECTOR
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau has selected your firm to participate in the Service Annual Survey. Prior to our mailout, you were contacted by a Census Bureau representative and agreed to report a consolidated form electronically to help ease your reporting burden. Data compiled in the Census Bureau's annual business surveys are part of the official statistics used to measure current economic performance in the United States.

Please complete your 2011 Annual Services Report online by March 2, 2012. Your timely response will help minimize costly follow-up efforts by mail and/or telephone if we do not receive your response by March 2, 2012. To make reporting easier, we will accept estimates when book figures are not available. The Web address to complete this report electronically is census.gov/econhelp/sas.

Your Username and Password are:

Username:

Password:

We realize that participating in this survey is a burden for your company. However, we have taken steps to minimize this burden. For example, we have changed the survey materials to incorporate business suggestions, selected the fewest possible number of representative businesses to participate, and limited our requests to data normally found in business records. We also re-designed and re-selected the sample of firms used for the Annual Services Report to redistribute reporting burden for small and medium-sized companies. **Please note: We are asking you to provide data for 2011 and 2010**, even if you were in the prior sample. Providing both years of data will help to properly link estimates from the prior and new samples and ensure that the published estimates are reliable and consistent over time. Report forms for future years will request only one year of data until a new sample is selected.

Your participation is required by law (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225). **Your report is completely confidential** under Title 13 and is seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information. Data provided will be used only for statistical purposes, and published summary statistics will not identify individual firms. Title 13 provides that copies retained in your files are immune from legal process. In addition, your reported data are exempt from requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any questions or need assistance, call us toll-free at 1-800-772-7851 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern time. You can also refer to the Frequently Asked Questions Web site at census.gov/econhelp/sas/.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important program.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director

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SECOND REQUEST

FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Several weeks ago we asked you to complete a mandatory 2011 Annual Services Report. Our records show we have not received it. **If you have already submitted your report, you may disregard this notice.**

The information you provide enables the Census Bureau to develop reliable and timely measures of current economic conditions. Many businesses like yours use the survey results to conduct market research, investment analysis, and planning activities. To view prior year Service Annual Survey results, visit census.gov/services/index.html.

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Chief, Service Sector Statistics Division

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FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Two months ago, we requested that you participate in a mandatory national survey by completing the 2011 Annual Services Report. We have made repeated attempts to obtain your firm's data and still have not received your response. Your participation is vital to the success of the survey.

Your response is required by law. Title 13, United States Code, requires businesses and other organizations that receive this questionnaire to answer the questions and return the report to the Census Bureau. By the same law, **your report is confidential.** It may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. Further, copies retained in your files are immune from legal process.

Prior to our initial mailout, you were contacted by a Census Bureau representative and agreed to report a consolidated form electronically to help ease your reporting burden. **Your failure to comply may result in a penalty.** To remove your firm from delinquent status, we ask that you take the time to complete the survey.

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In case you did not receive the form or have misplaced it, we are enclosing another copy. **Please complete the report and submit it to us within the next 5 business days.** We encourage you to report online on our secure web site. The Web address, your Username, and Password are on the form beneath the address label. If book figures are not available, your best estimates are acceptable. Your prompt response will alleviate the need for future mail and/or telephone follow-up.

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