

October 1, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR

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FROM

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Service Sector Statistics Division

SUBJECT:

Service Annual Survey (SAS) Non-Substantive Change Request

Earlier this year, the Services Annual Survey (0607-0422) was approved a three-year extension. We would like to make a slight change to the SAS forms for survey year 2013 and beyond. Historically, SAS has collected expanded expense detail items in years ending in 2 and 7, corresponding with years in which the economic census is conducted. These expanded expense details will be collected next year in survey year 2012. In the years between Economic Censuses, SAS has collected a smaller suite of expense detail items. In order to promote consistency in reporting across all years of the five-year sample and thereby improve the quality of the data, it was decided to include the expanded expense details on the form in every year of the sample, not just in years ending in 2 and 7.

The respondent burden between expanded expense detail years and other years will increase to 290,368 hours annually based on the item expansion, an increase of 4,182 hours over current. This change might actually reduce burden over time because of the consistency of the form items from year to year.

This change will affect all SAS forms. Pages 2-4 of this document is an example of the 'Expense' section of a SY2011 form, followed by the expanded 'Expense' Section of the SY2012 form (draft) on pages 5-7. As you will see, the Expanded Expense section on the SY2012 form asks for more detail on the 'Employer's Cost for fringe benefits' and 'Expensed Purchased Services' sections on the form.

After the SY2012 forms are mailed out in early 2013, the forms will be available on our website at: http://www.census.gov/services/sas/get_forms.html

14 OPERATING EXPENSES

What were the operating expenses for this firm in 2011 and 2010?

Exclude:

- Transfers made within the company.
- Capitalized expenses.
- Interest.
- Bad debt.
- Impairment.
- Income tax.

Gross annual payroll

Include salaries and wages, commissions, dismissal pay, bonuses, employee contributions to Social Security, income tax withholding, union dues, group insurance premiums, savings bonds, cash equivalent in-kind, allowances, holiday pay, vacation pay, sick leave, stock purchase plans, and employee contributions to pension plans. **Exclude** the cost of leased employees, employer's cost for fringe benefits, and temporary staff obtained from temporary help services. For unincorporated businesses, **exclude** profit or other compensation of proprietors or partners.

All other operating expenses

Include travel and entertainment; postage, shipping or delivery services; warehousing and storage services; royalties; security services; janitorial and grounds maintenance services; purchased transportation with operators; and other expenses not reported elsewhere.

1. Personnel Costs

a. Gross annual payroll - Total annual Medicare salaries and wages for all employees as reported on this firm's IRS Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, line 5(c) for the four quarters that correspond to the survey period or IRS Form 944 Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return, line 4(c). **Include** the spread on stock options that are taxable to employees as wages

b. Employer's cost for fringe benefits - Employer's cost for legally required programs and programs not required by law. **Include** insurance premiums for hospital plans, medical plans, and single service plans (e.g., dental, vision, prescription drugs); premium equivalents for self-insured plans and fees paid to third-party administrators (TPAs); defined benefit pension plans; defined contribution plans (e.g., profit sharing, 401K, stock option plans); and other fringe benefits (e.g., Social Security, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment tax, state disability insurance programs, life insurance benefits, Medicare). **Exclude** employee contributions

c. Temporary staff and leased employee expense - Total costs paid to Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) and staffing agencies for personnel. **Include** all charges for payroll, benefits, and services

2. Expensed Materials, Parts, and Supplies (not for resale)

a. Expensed equipment - Expensed computer hardware and other equipment (e.g., copiers, fax machines, telephones, shop and lab equipment, CPUs, monitors). Report packaged software in line **3a**. Report leased and rented equipment in line **3c**

2011				2010			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

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14 OPERATING EXPENSES - Continued

	2011				2010			
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2. Expensed Materials, Parts, and Supplies (not for resale) - Continued								
b. Expensed purchases of other materials, parts, and supplies - Materials and supplies used in providing services to others; materials and parts used in repairs; office and janitorial supplies; small tools; containers and other packaging materials; and motor fuels								
3. Expensed Purchased Services								
a. Expensed purchases of software - Purchases of prepackaged, custom coded, or vendor customized software. Include software developed or customized by others, web-design services and purchases, licensing agreements, upgrades of software, and maintenance fees related to software upgrades and alterations								
b. Purchased electricity and fuels (except motor fuels) - If the cost of electricity and heating fuels (e.g., natural gas, propane, oil, coal) are included in lease or rental payments, report in line 3c								
c. Lease and rental payments - For land, buildings, offices, structures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible items. Include lease and rental of transportation equipment without operators and penalties incurred for broken leases. Exclude capital and financing lease agreements and licensing/leasing of software								
d. Purchased repair and maintenance - Include expensed repair and maintenance to buildings and integral building components (e.g., elevators, heating and cooling systems), structures, offices, machinery, vehicles, equipment, and computer hardware. Exclude materials, parts, and supplies used for repair and maintenance performed by this firm's employees. Report janitorial and grounds maintenance services in line 4c								
e. Purchased advertising and promotional services - Include marketing and public relations services .								
4. Other Operating Expenses								
a. Depreciation and amortization charges - Include depreciation charges taken against tangible assets owned and used by this firm, tangible assets and improvements owned by this firm within leaseholds, tangible assets obtained through capital lease agreements, and amortization charges against intangible assets (e.g., patents, copyrights). Exclude impairment								
b. Governmental taxes and license fees - Payments to government agencies for taxes and licenses. Include business and property taxes. Exclude income taxes and sales and excise taxes collected from customers								

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14 OPERATING EXPENSES - Continued

4. Other Operating Expenses - Continued

c. All other operating expenses - All other operating expenses not reported above, unless specifically excluded in the general instructions. **Include** office postage paid and package delivery. **Exclude** purchases of merchandise for resale and non-operating expenses. **If this item is greater than 20% of the total operating expenses, specify the primary source of the expenses below** ↴

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5. TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Sum of lines 1a through 4c

15 and 16 Not Applicable.

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18 CONTACT INFORMATION

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All other operating expenses

Include travel and entertainment; postage, shipping or delivery services; warehousing and storage services; royalties; security services; janitorial and grounds maintenance services; purchased transportation with operators; and other expenses not reported elsewhere.

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b. Employer's cost for fringe benefits - Employer's cost for legally required programs and programs not required by law:

1. Health insurance - Insurance premiums for hospital plans, medical plans, and single service plans (e.g., dental, vision, prescription drugs). **Include** premium equivalents for self-insured plans and fees paid to third-party administrators (TPAs). **Exclude** employee contributions 1841

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2. Pension plans:

a. Defined benefit pension plans - Costs for both qualified and unqualified defined pension plans. Pension plans that specify the benefit to be paid to employees upon retirement, generally either a specific amount or a percentage of compensation. Employer contributions are based on actuarial computations that include the employee's compensation and years of service and are not allocated to specific accounts maintained for employees . . . 1842

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b. Defined contribution plans - Costs under defined contribution plans. Pension plans that define the employer contributions to a separate account provided for each employee. The employee "benefit" at retirement depends on the amount contributed and the results of the account's activity. Examples include profit sharing plans, money purchase (e.g., 401k, 403b) and stock bonus plans (e.g., ESOPs) 1843

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3. Payroll taxes, employer paid insurance premiums (except health), and other employer benefits - **Include** legally-required fringe benefits (e.g., Social Security, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment tax, state disability insurance programs, Medicare). **Include** benefits for life insurance, "quality of life" benefits (e.g., childcare assistance, subsidized commuting), employer contributions to pre-tax benefit accounts (e.g., health savings accounts), education assistance, and other benefits not specified above. **Exclude** disbursements from trusts or funds to satisfy health insurance claims 1844

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14 OPERATING EXPENSES - Continued

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1. Personnel Costs - Continued

c. Temporary staff and leased employee expense - Total costs paid to Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) and staffing agencies for personnel. **Include** all charges for payroll, benefits, and services 1823

2. Expensed Materials, Parts, and Supplies (not for resale)

a. Expensed equipment - Expensed computer hardware and other equipment (e.g., copiers, fax machines, telephones, shop and lab equipment, CPUs, monitors). Report packaged software in line **3a**. Report leased and rented equipment in line **3i** 1824

b. Expensed purchases of other materials, parts, and supplies - Materials and supplies used in providing services to others; materials and parts used in repairs; office and janitorial supplies; small tools; containers and other packaging materials; and motor fuels 1825

3. Expensed Purchased Services

a. Expensed purchases of software - Purchases of prepackaged, custom coded, or vendor customized software. **Include** software developed or customized by others, web-design services and purchases, licensing agreements, upgrades of software, and maintenance fees related to software upgrades and alterations . . 1826

b. Data processing and other purchased computer services - **Include** web hosting, computer facilities management services, computer input preparation, data storage, computer time rental, optical scanning services, and other computer-related advice and services, including training. **Exclude** expensed integrated systems, repair and maintenance of computer equipment, payroll processing and credit card transaction fees, and expenses for telecommunication services (e.g., Internet, connectivity, telephone) 1845

c. Purchased communication services - Telephone, cellular, and fax services; computer-related communications (e.g., Internet, connectivity, online), and other wired and wireless communication services 1846

d. Purchased repair and maintenance to machinery and equipment - Expensed repair and maintenance services to machinery, vehicles, equipment, and computer hardware. **Exclude** materials, parts, and supplies used for repairs and maintenance performed by this firm's employees 1848

e. Purchased repairs and maintenance to buildings, structures, and offices - **Include** repair and maintenance to integral parts of buildings (e.g., elevators, heating and cooling systems). **Exclude** materials, parts, and supplies used for repairs and maintenance performed by this firm's employees. Report janitorial and grounds maintenance services in line **4c** 1849

f. Purchased electricity - If the cost of electricity is included in lease or rental payments, report in line **3j** 1850

g. Purchased fuels (except motor fuels) - Fuel for heating, power, or generating electricity (e.g., natural gas, propane, oil, coal). If the costs are included in lease or rental payments, report in line **3j** 1851

h. Water, sewer, refuse removal, and other utility payments - **Include** the cost of hazardous waste removal. If the costs of these utilities are included in a lease or rental payment, report in line **3j** 1852

i. Lease and rental payments for machinery, equipment, and other tangible items - **Include** lease and rental of transportation equipment without operators and penalties incurred for broken leases. **Exclude** capital and financing lease agreements and licensing/leasing of software 1853

j. Lease and rental payments for land, buildings, structures, store spaces, and offices - **Include** penalties incurred for broken leases 1854

k. Purchased advertising and promotional services - **Include** marketing and public relations services 1830

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3. Expensed Purchased Services - Continued

I. Purchased professional and technical services - Include management consulting, accounting, auditing, bookkeeping, legal, actuarial, payroll processing, architectural, engineering, and other professional services. Exclude salaries paid to your own employees for these services 1855

4. Other Operating Expenses

a. Depreciation and amortization charges - Include depreciation charges taken against tangible assets owned and used by this firm, tangible assets and improvements owned by this firm within leaseholds, tangible assets obtained through capital lease agreements, and amortization charges against intangible assets (e.g., patents, copyrights). **Exclude** impairment 1831

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