



Dear Survey Coordinator,

A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau...

Enclosed is the 2014 **Business R&D and Innovation Survey**. This national survey collects information from businesses operating in the U.S. and is the single most important source of up-to-date information on business research and development in the United States. Accurate information about R&D and innovation will help leaders in the public and private sectors make better decisions to strengthen American competitiveness.

This survey is **mandatory and confidential**. Title 13 of the U.S. Code both authorizes the collection of information in this survey and makes your response mandatory. Title 13 also protects the confidentiality for all of your company's information. Only persons sworn to protect Title 13 information may see your responses.

You can **file your survey online** through the Census Bureau's Business Help Site: econhelp.census.gov/brdscr. Your User ID and Password are located on the front page of the questionnaire booklet. Alternatively, you may return your completed questionnaire in the enclosed envelope.

Electronic versions of the survey form (Excel and PDF) can be downloaded and distributed to others in your company to facilitate the preparation of your company's response. These files are available from the Business Help Site.

Your survey information will be aggregated to produce summary statistics for reports produced by the National Science Foundation (NSF). You can learn more about the ways the data collected by this survey are used at nsf.gov/statistics/srvyindustry/about/brdis/how.cfm.

Your company's response is **due 30 days from receipt**. If you need assistance, please call our survey analysts at 1-800-772-7851, option '5', between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

A small percentage of respondents to this survey may be asked to report additional detail on a follow-up survey. This detail is needed to produce comprehensive national statistics.

Thank you in advance for your timely response. Your company's response provides critical information on investments in our nation's future.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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