**QSPP Emails** 

**Initial Email** 

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

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently conducting the 2015 Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions (Form F-10). We have selected your system(s) for the quarterly survey. The Quarterly Survey of Public Pensions is a quarterly survey that provides national summary data on the revenues, expenditures, and composition of assets of the largest defined benefit public employee pension systems for state and local governments. This survey currently consists of a panel of 100 pension systems, which comprise 88.4 percent of financial activity among such entities, based on the 2012 Census of Governments. The Census Bureau will use your information to produce national totals on the composition of financial assets for this significant group of institutional investors. We do not intend to publish any data relating to specific systems reported in this survey.

The Census Bureau conducts the survey and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182. We estimate this survey to take between 30 minutes and 2 hours to complete. At the bottom of this email you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement. Please respond to this survey for the calendar quarter ending Month XX, 201X. You can complete your form online by following the instructions provided. You may also use your existing username and password to log in to https://respond.census.gov/qspp. Please complete this questionnaire within 30 days.

Please utilize your expertise and judgment in completing the survey. If actual data are not available, carefully prepared estimates are acceptable.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please call my staff on 1-888-529-196 or email <a href="mailto:ewd.pensions@census.gov">ewd.pensions@census.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson Director

## **OMB Number**

You are not required to respond to this collection of information if it does not display a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0143 and appears in the upper right corner of the report form/login screen.

## **Authority and Confidentiality**

Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182 authorizes the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. Information provided on this questionnaire compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9(b).

## **Burden Estimate Statement**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours per response with an average of 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0143, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-8K122, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to <a href="ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov">ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov</a>. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0143 as the subject.

Follow up Email

Hello,

This is <Analyst> from the US Census Bureau. This is just a friendly reminder about the quarterly pensions survey for the <X> quarter of 20<XX>. If you have any questions or need assistance with your username/password, please feel free to give me a call. If possible we'd like to have numbers by <Month, Date>, but if you need a little more time, please let us know. Also remember that we can also accept estimates or total assets only.

Thanks again,