



A Message from the Directors, U.S. Census Bureau and National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Enclosed is the **2015 Business R&D and Innovation Survey** (Form BRDI-1). This survey requests additional detail on the information reported by your company earlier this year on the **2015 Business R&D and Innovation Survey** (Form BRDI-1S). This detail is needed to produce comprehensive national statistics.

This survey is **mandatory and confidential**. Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182, and Title 42, United States Code, Sections 1861-76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended) authorize the collection of information in this survey. Title 13, United States Code, Sections 224 and 225 makes your response mandatory. Title 13, United States Code, Section 9 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: <https://econhelp.census.gov/brdis>. Your User ID and Password are on the front cover of the enclosed form.

As the survey coordinator, we ask that you gather information from the appropriate people within your company and file your responses using our Business Help Site. Each section of the form contains an instruction 'Who should answer this section' that provides information on the data requested.

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 Census Bureau's Business Help Site.

Your company's response is **due 60 days from receipt of this letter**. If you need assistance, please call our survey analysts at 1-800-772-7851, option '5', between 8:00 am and 4:45 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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 <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvyindustry/about/brdis/how.cfm>.

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

**The Business R&D and Innovation Survey is conducted under a joint partnership agreement
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