



## U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security Industrial Base Surveys and Assessments



### Overview: Bare Printed Circuit Board Manufacturers Survey

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation, in coordination with the U.S. Department of the Navy, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) is conducting an assessment of the U. S. industrial base for manufacturing bare circuit board products. The Secretary of the Navy is the Defense Department Executive Agent for printed circuit board technology and NSWC Crane is the Executive Agent technical lead for circuit board and interconnect technology. NSWC Crane provides acquisition engineering, in-service engineering, and technical support for sensors, electronics, electronic warfare, and special warfare weapons.

The principal goal of this study is to assist the U.S. defense community in understanding the health and competitiveness of organizations manufacturing bare printed circuit boards for commercial and U.S. Government applications at U.S. facilities. Information collected will include government and commercial revenue, financial and operational health, employment and skills, production capacity, research and development, unique capabilities and technologies, and other topics. The resulting data will help U.S. Government stakeholders identify specific issues and challenges facing the industry and allow for improved strategic planning, technology roadmaps, targeted outreach, and collaborative problem resolution.

Approximately 238 organizations representing all aspects of this sector are receiving this survey. Your participation is vital to ensure a comprehensive dataset for the assessment. BIS has worked in successful partnership with other U.S. industry sectors and we anticipate similar cooperation from your organization on this effort.

#### **Legal Protections and Requirements**

The information collected from all survey respondents may be used publicly in aggregated form, but at no time will such reporting identify your specific organization. All information submitted to BIS is protected as Business Confidential under provisions of the Defense Production Act (DPA) of 1950, as amended. Survey responses are also exempt from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

#### **BIS Industrial Base Assessment Program**

Since 1986, BIS has completed over 55 industrial base assessments covering a variety of critical technologies and sectors. To view previous BIS reports and surveys, please visit our website at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/dib>.

**Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you.**