



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



**Overview: Industrial Base Assessment: The U.S. Integrated Circuit
Design and Fabrication Industry**

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE), is conducting a survey and assessment of the health and competitiveness of the U.S. integrated circuit design and fabrication industry. The assessment, requested by the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration (ITA), will update a similar BIS/OTE industry study conducted with the Department of Defense in 2007-2009.

The principal goal of this assessment is to assist the U.S. executive branch agencies in understanding the health and competitiveness of organizations designing and manufacturing integrated circuit products for commercial markets and the U.S. Government. Information collected will include design and production capability, competitors and customers, financial information, capital expenditures, research and development, supply chain, trade practices, and workforce. The resulting aggregate data and subsequent analysis will allow industry representatives and government policy officials to monitor trends, benchmark industry performance, and raise awareness of potential issues of concern.

Approximately 350 integrated circuit-related industry organizations 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.