



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



**Overview: Defense Industrial Base Assessment of the
U.S. Textile, Apparel and Footwear 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. textile, apparel and footwear industry. The assessment, requested by the U.S. Congress, will update a similar BIS/OTE study conducted for Congress in 2003.

The principal goal of this study is to assist the U.S. Congress in understanding the health and competitiveness of organizations manufacturing textiles, apparel and footwear for commercial markets and the U.S. Government. Information collected will include employment, production, competitors and customers, supply chain, financial information, research and development, effectiveness of the Berry Amendment, and future industrial challenges. 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 150 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.