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A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:

The U.S. Census Bureau has selected your business to participate in the **2017 Commodity Flow Survey**. This survey is conducted every five years in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics and provides important statistics about the movement of goods in the United States. In addition, it provides information on how businesses like yours use transportation to ship these goods. These data are used by policy makers and transportation planners to make informed decisions for improving the transportation infrastructure.

The address below is the location for which the Commodity Flow Survey will be requesting information:

Information for the Commodity Flow Survey will be collected quarterly throughout 2017. The following dates indicate the reporting periods and their corresponding due dates for each quarter:

Your response is required by law and confidential. Approximately two weeks before each reporting period, your company will receive a letter with instructions on how to respond. For further information, visit us online at <https://econhelp.census.gov/cfs>.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places and our economy. Your response makes a difference.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director
US Census Bureau