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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau

Washington, DC 20233-0001

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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

The U.S. Census Bureau has selected your business to participate in the **2016 Annual Survey of Manufactures**. This survey collects key data about the manufacturing sector of the nation's economy. These data are used to develop accurate estimates of domestic output and productivity, and they serve as a valuable resource for making sound decisions on economic trade policies.

Please report online and keep this letter for future reference, using the following information:

Website:

Authentication Code:

Due Date:

Your response is required by law. Title 13 United States Code, Sections 131 and 182 authorizes this collection. Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 224 and 225 require businesses and other organizations that receive this questionnaire to answer the questions and return the report to the U.S. Census Bureau. Title 13 U.S.C., Section 9 also requires that we keep your answers strictly confidential. The information you provide may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. Further, copies retained in your files are immune from legal process. We estimate this survey will take an average of 1.4 hours to complete the MA-10000(S) or 3.5 hours to complete the MA-10000(L). On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number, authority and confidentiality, and burden estimate statement. For assistance completing the survey, visit us online at <https://econhelp.census.gov/cosasm> or call our customer help line at **1-800-233-6136**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

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
U.S. Census Bureau

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL SURVEY OF MANUFACTURES

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0449 and appears at the upper right of the report form/login screen. Without this approval we could not conduct this survey.

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Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate the average time to complete this survey is 1.4 hours for the MA-10000(S) or 3.5 hours for the MA-10000(L), including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0449, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-6K064, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0449 as the subject.