



Attachment D

A message from the Directors, U.S. Census Bureau and National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

The U.S. Census Bureau has selected your business to participate in the **2016 Business R&D and Innovation Survey**. This national survey collects information from businesses operating in the U.S. and is the single most important source of up-to-date information on business research and development (R&D) in the United States. Accurate information about R&D and innovation will help leaders in the public and private sectors make better decisions to strengthen American competitiveness.

Please visit the website below to register for a Census Bureau account (or log in if you have an existing account). After registration and/or log in, click "add survey" to enter your authentication code. This code can only be used one time, linking this survey to your account. Once linked, you may begin reporting immediately by clicking "start." You may report later or complete the survey over several sessions using the username and password created during registration.

Website: <https://econ-response.census.gov>
Authentication Code: XXXX-XXXX-XXXX
Due Date: April 19, 2017

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. Title 13 United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182, and Title 42 United States Code, Sections 1861-76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended) authorize this collection. Sections 224 and 225 of Title 13 require your response. By Section 9 of Title 13, **YOUR RESPONSE IS CONFIDENTIAL.** It may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. Furthermore, information submitted to the Census Bureau are immune from legal process.

We estimate this survey will take 15 minutes to complete. 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 with completing this form call our survey analysts at 1-800-772-7851, option '5', between 8:00 am and 4:45 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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National Science Foundation

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U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosures

This survey is conducted under a joint partnership agreement between the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Census Bureau.

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0912 and appears in the upper right of the report form/login screen. Without this approval we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13 United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182, and Title 42 United States Code, Sections 1861-76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended) authorize this collection. Title 13 United States Code, 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. By Section 9 of the same law, your report is confidential. It may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information, and may be used only for statistical purposes. The law also provides that copies of your report retained in your files are immune from legal process.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this survey will take an average of 15 minutes to complete, 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 0607-0912, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 6H128, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ERD.ALL.GEN.BRDIS@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0912 as the subject.

Survey Results

Your survey information will be aggregated to produce summary statistics for reports produced by the National Center for Science and Engineering, a federal statistical agency that is part of the National Science Foundation (NSF). You can learn more about the ways the data collected by this survey are used at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvyindustry/about/brdis/how.cfm>.