Attachment F

FY 2016 Survey of State Government Research and Development

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Census Bureau are conducting the FY 2016 Survey of State Government Research and Development to determine the extent of R&D expenditures by departments and agencies during FY 2016. Your voluntary survey response will be compiled by the Census Bureau and forwarded to the NSF, the federal agency charged with collecting and reporting national R&D statistics. These statistics are used to measure states' contributions to our nation's science and technology base, a building block of a strong U.S. economy, in the calculation of state and national Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and used by state and federal policy makers. Survey results can be found on NSF web page: http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvystaterd/.

Your State Coordinator has identified your agency as potentially having conducted and/or funded R&D activities in FY 2016. Your State Coordinator is:

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| | State Coordinator Respondent Email Field |
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Below is the survey website **URL** and your User ID.

| | Website: https://bhs.econ.census.gov/bhs/sgrd/ |
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| П | For security reasons, you will receive your Password in a separate email. |

Once you access the website, you will find an overview for completing the survey, as well as detailed definitions and examples of key survey terms. Your State Coordinator will review your responses after you have completed the survey. Please contact your State Coordinator or me if you have questions or comments. It is important that the NSF and the Census Bureau represent your state's activities accurately. We greatly appreciate your participation in this effort, and thank you in advance.

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OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0933. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13 United States Code, Section 8(b) and Title 42 United States Code, Sections 1861-76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended) authorizes the Census Bureau to conduct this collection on behalf of the National Science Foundation and to request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(a) exempting data that are customarily provided in public records from rules of confidentiality.

Burden Estimate Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. 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 0607-0933, 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 0607-0933 as the subject.

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This message contains your password to access the **FY 2016 Survey of State Government Research** and **Development**. You should have already received a message with the website address **URL** and **User ID**.

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