



**U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
National Security Assessments**



Overview: U.S. Air Force Supply Chain Survey and Assessment

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE), in coordination with the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC) is conducting a survey and assessment of organizations affiliated with the sustainment of U.S. Air Force systems supported by the AFSC.

The resulting data will provide a comprehensive understanding of the structure and interdependencies of the organizations that participate in U.S. Air Force sustainment programs. This joint effort will aid AFSC in multiple action areas of sustainment, including diminishing manufacturing sources and material shortages (DMSMS), foreign sourcing and dependencies, innovation, product and service commodity classification, reliance and use of select critical minerals, and cyber security, among other fields.

Roughly 10,000 organizations affiliated with U.S. Air Force sustainment will participate in this mandatory data collection. Each contribution is vital to ensuring a meaningful, robust analytical response intended to improve AFSC mission execution. BIS has partnered successfully with several industrial segments in the past, such as rocket propulsion, semiconductor, healthcare, and strategic materials, and we anticipate similar, mutually beneficial cooperation in the present collection.

Legal Protections and Requirements

The information collected from survey respondents may be used publicly only in aggregated form, meaning at no time will such reporting identify your specific organization by name nor disclose proprietary information. All information submitted to BIS is protected as confidential under provisions of the Defense Production Act (DPA) of 1950, as amended. Survey response information, including your participation in the data collection, is exempt from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

BIS Industrial Base Assessment Program

Since 1986, BIS has completed over 60 industrial base surveys and assessments covering a broad number of critical technologies and industry sectors. To view previous BIS reports and surveys, please visit our website at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/dib>.

Census Partnership

In order to streamline the survey submission process and ensure secure transmission of your Excel response, BIS has partnered with the Census Bureau to administer the survey submission portal. Surveys will be uploaded to Census however BIS retains authority over the use of all submitted information.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you.