# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U.S. Census Bureau Official Correspondence

# **BUSINESS TRENDS AND OUTLOOK SURVEY**

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Login ID: ABC12DEF3XYZ

Start Survey

Due Date: pipe 9

Estimated Max Response Burden: 8 minutes

The Census Bureau is requesting your participation in the Business Trends and Outlook Survey (BTOS). Your participation is critical and contributes to key data about the U.S. economy that informs policy makers and enables data-driven decisions.

If you have questions, you may visit our respondent <u>website</u> to browse FAQs or download a PDF of the survey questions. Have additional questions? Email us at <u>econ.btos@census.gov</u>.

**Thank you** in advance for your time and participation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people and economy.

Respectfully,

Catherine D. Buffington Chief, Economic Indicators Division 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 0607-1022 and appears in the lower left corner of each reporting screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

## **Authority and Confidentiality**

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182, authorizes the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct this collection and to request your voluntary assistance. The Census Bureau is required by Section 9 of the same law to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your business, organization, or institution. Per the Federal Cybersecurity

Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

### **Burden Estimate Statement**

We estimate the Business Trends and Outlook Survey will take an average of 8 minutes to complete. Factors such as company size, complexity and activity will affect your actual time to complete the survey. This estimate includes the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the survey.