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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Census Bureau
Office of the Director
Washington, DC 20233-0001

A Message from the U.S. Census Bureau:

We request your participation with the **Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders** survey. This survey provides broad-based monthly statistical data on current economic conditions and indications of future production commitments in the manufacturing sector. It provides some of the Nation's most widely used, timely information on the manufacturing sector of the economy.

We invite you to browse through the wealth of data available through the U.S. Census Bureau's website. Start by viewing this survey's results at census.gov/manufacturing/m3/index.html.

Your continued online participation is greatly appreciated and helps save time and money. Please go to https://econhelp.census.gov/m3 to report, using your credentials found below.

YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing this survey, please call us on 301-763-4832, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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

Sincerely,

George M. Cook
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and Duties of the Director

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0008 and appears in the top right corner of each online reporting screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 182, and 193, 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 Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders survey will take an average of 20 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.