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SECTION A: COMPANY INFORMATION

The following section collects information on the operations and structure of this business. All businesses that receive this survey should answer questions in the upcoming section. The reporting unit for the survey is the U.S.-located company, including all majority-owned subsidiaries and divisions regardless of location. Report only for domestic operations.

A.1 Ceased Operations
Has this business ceased operations?

☐ Yes
☐ No – Skip to ‘A.3 Business Ownership – Foreign-Owned Entity’

A.2 Date Ceased Operations
Print the month and year this business ceased operations.

MM YYYY

Reporting Instructions: If the ceased-operations date is before January 2020, skip to SECTION I: CONTACT INFORMATION on page 43. If the ceased-operations date is after January 1, 2020, you are still required to complete this survey covering any business activity for 2020, even though this business is not currently operating.

A.3 Business Ownership – Foreign-Owned Entity
In 2020, was this business a majority-owned subsidiary of a foreign company?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Reporting Instructions for Foreign-Owned Companies: If this business is owned by a foreign parent, the reporting unit for the survey is the U.S.-located company, including all majority-owned subsidiaries and divisions located in the domestic United States (50 states and the District of Columbia). For reporting purposes, the foreign parent and any foreign affiliates this company does not own should be treated the same as any business partner, customer, or supplier this business does not own.

A.4 Business Ownership – U.S. Entity
In 2020, did another U.S. company or other entity own more than 50 percent of this business? Examples of other entities include estates, trusts, employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), associations, membership clubs, and cooperatives.

☐ Yes – Skip to ‘A.6 Business – 10% or More Ownership’
☐ No

A.5 Business Ownership – Government or Tribal Entity
In 2020, was this business owned by a government or tribal entity?

☐ Yes
☐ No

A.6 Business – 10% or More Ownership
In 2020, did at least one person own 10% or more of this business? Do not count parent companies, estates, trusts or other entities.

☐ Yes
☐ No – Select “No” ONLY if no person owned 10% or more of this business.
A.7 Number of Owners

In 2020, how many people owned this business?

- Do not combine two or more owners to create one owner.
- Count spouses and partners as separate owners.
- Count owners who owned at least 10% of this business.

☐ 1 person
☐ 2 people
☐ 3 people
☐ 4 people
☐ 5 - 10 people
☐ 11 or more people
☐ Business is owned by a parent company, estate, trust or other entity
☐ Do not know

A.8 Number of W-2 Paid Domestic Employees or Employees/Owners

For the pay period including March 12, 2020, how many people worked for this business, including those paid through grants? Include both full-time and part-time employees as well as yourself. Include only persons in the United States.

Count each person only once. If none, report zero.

a. Owners who received a W-2 issued by this business for salary or wages .................................................................

b. Employees who received a W-2 issued by this business for salary or wages .................................................................

c. Total ......................................................................................

A.9 Number of Domestic Workers Who Did Not Receive a W-2

Not including employees or employees/owners included in the previous question, how many other people worked for this business in 2020, including those paid through grants? Include both full-time and part-time workers as well as yourself, if applicable. Include only persons in the United States.

Count each person only once. If none, report zero.

a. Individuals whose work was directed by this business who received payment in other ways (e.g., contractors, consultants, temporary workers who receive a 1099 from this business or payment from another business). ................................

b. Unpaid individuals who worked for this business (e.g., friends, volunteers, family members) ..........................................................

A.10 Total Worldwide and Domestic Sales and Operating Revenues

In 2020, what was the amount of this business’s worldwide and domestic sales and operating revenues, including grants?

Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.

2020 sales, revenues, and grants ........................................

Reporting Instructions: Report amount using U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP) as recognized by the Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB). If this business follows International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), we request that you estimate any adjustments that would be required to conform to U.S. GAAP.
A.11 Domestic Sales and Revenues
How much of the ‘A.10 Total Worldwide and Domestic Sales and Operating Revenues’ in 2020 sales, revenues, and grants was attributable to or originated from domestic operations? Include sales and operating revenues to foreign customers, including foreign subsidiaries.

Round to the nearest one thousand dollars.
If none, report zero.

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**Reporting Instructions:** For example, a U.S. manufacturing corporation sells parts to customers around the world; however, because all of its operations are located inside the United States, it reports all of its sales in this question.

A.12 Sources of Domestic Sales and Revenues
Approximately what share of this business’s ‘A.11 Domestic Sales and Revenues’ in 2020 domestic sales and revenues, including grants, came from the following?
If none, report zero.

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<td>e. Other (specify)</td>
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Total = 100%

A.13 Types of Customers
In 2020, which of the following types of customers accounted for 10% or more of this business’s total sales of goods and/or services? Select all that apply.

- U.S. Federal government
- State and local government, including school districts, transportation authorities, etc.
- Other businesses, including distributors of your product(s)
- Other organizations (foreign governments, nonprofits, etc.)
- Individuals
- Business did not have any sales

A.14 Types of Workers
In 2020, which of the following types of workers were used by this business? Select all that apply.

- Full-time paid employees (workers who received a W-2 from this business)
- Part-time paid employees (workers who received a W-2 from this business)
- Paid day laborers
- Temporary staffing obtained from a temporary help service
- Leased employees from a leasing service or a professional employer organization
- Contractors, subcontractors, independent contractors, or outside consultants (workers who received a 1099 or payment from another company)
- None of the above
A.15 Franchise Operation
In 2020, did all or part of this business operate as a franchise?

☐ Yes
☐ No

A.16 Working From Home
In 2020, did this business allow any employees to work from home?

☐ Yes
☐ No – Skip to ‘A.18 Factors Affecting Working From Home’

A.17 Percent of Employees Working From Home
In 2020, what percent of all employees at this business worked from home at the following frequencies? If none, report zero. Estimates are acceptable.

a. Never ................................................................. 0 %

b. Less than one day per week ................................. 0 %

c. One day per week .................................................. 0 %

d. Two to four days per week ................................. 0 %

e. Five or more days per week ................................. 0 %

Total = 100%

A.18 Factors Affecting Working From Home
In 2020, did any of the following factors limit the ability of this business’s employees to work from home? Select all that apply.

☐ Job or parts of job cannot be performed from home

☐ Management of employees working from home too costly or complicated

☐ Security (IT or other) concerns

☐ Other (specify) → 

☐ No limiting factors

A.19 Primary Business Activity
Describe this business’s primary business activity during 2020.
**SECTION B: OWNER CHARACTERISTICS**

The following section collects information on the owners of this business. Based on the number of owners you reported, you may be asked to complete this section for up to four owners of this business. If the business had no owners, then proceed to the instructions on the bottom of page 19.

Unless otherwise indicated, the reporting period for this section is calendar year 2020.

**B.1 Percent Ownership**

For the person(s) owning the largest percentage(s) in this business in 2020, list each person’s name and percentage owned.

- Do not report percentages owned by parent companies, estates, trusts, or other entities.
- If more than 4 people owned this business equally, select any 4 people.
- Round percentages to whole numbers. For example, report 1/3 ownership as 33%.

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If percent entered for Owner 1 is more than 0%, then answer questions for Owner 1 on pages 7, 8, and 9.
If percent entered for Owner 2 is more than 0%, then answer questions for Owner 2 on pages 10, 11 and 12.
If percent entered for Owner 3 is more than 0%, then answer questions for Owner 3 on pages 13, 14 and 15.
If percent entered for Owner 4 is more than 0%, then answer questions for Owner 4 on pages 16, 17 and 18.
B.1.3 Race
What is Owner 1’s race? Select all that apply.
(For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.)
- White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.
- Black or African Am. – Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.
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- Korean
- Other Asian – Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
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- Japanese
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B.1.4 Military Service
Has Owner 1 ever served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, the National Guard, or a Reserve component of any service branch?
- Yes
- No – Skip to ‘B.1.7 Initial Acquisition Year’ on page 8

B.1.5 Military Service Disability
Is Owner 1 disabled as the result of illness or injury incurred or aggravated during military service?
- Yes
- No
B.1.10 Education Prior to Owning the Business
Prior to establishing, purchasing, or acquiring this business, what was the highest degree or level of school Owner 1 completed?

- Less than high school / secondary school graduate – Skip to ‘B.1.12 Age’ on page 9
- High school / secondary school graduate – Diploma or GED – Skip to ‘B.1.12 Age’ on page 9
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- Doctorate Degree (for example, PhD, EdD)
- Professional Degree, beyond a Bachelor’s Degree (for example, MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)

B.1.6 Other Military Service
Do any of the following characteristics describe Owner 1’s military service? Select all that apply.

- Served on active duty military service, not including training for the Reserves or National Guard
- Served on active duty military service after September 11, 2001
- Served on active duty military service in 2020
- Served in the National Guard or as a reservist of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2020
- None of the above

B.1.7 Initial Acquisition Year
In what year did Owner 1 initially acquire ownership of this business?

Year

Don’t know

B.1.8 Primary Income Source
In 2020, did this business provide Owner 1’s primary source of personal income?

Yes
No

B.1.9 Prior Business Ownership
Not including this business, what is the status of the previous business Owner 1 started most recently?

- This is the owner’s first business
- Business is still operating and Owner 1 still owns it
- Business is no longer in operation
- Business was purchased by another company
- Business was purchased by another individual
- Other (specify) ▼
### B.1.11 Field of Highest Degree Prior to Owning the Business
Prior to establishing, purchasing, or acquiring this business, what was the field of the highest degree completed for Owner 1? **Select all that apply.**

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- Chemistry, except biochemistry
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- Science and mathematics teacher education
- Other science and engineering related fields, not listed above

- Art and humanities fields
- Education, except science and math teacher education
- Management and administration fields
- Sales and marketing fields
- Social service and related fields
- Other non-science and non-engineering related fields, not listed above

### B.1.12 Age
What was the age of Owner 1 as of December 31, 2020?

- Under 25
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 or over

### B.1.13 Place of Birth
Was Owner 1 born in the United States?

- Yes
- No

### B.1.14 U.S. Citizenship
Is Owner 1 a citizen of the United States?

- Yes
- No

### B.1.15 Reasons for Owning the Business
How important to Owner 1 is each of the following reasons for owning this business? **Select one for each row.**

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If applicable, if not Skip to ‘B.5 One Family Majority Ownership’ on page 19.

B.2.1 Sex
What is the sex of Owner 2?
☐ Male ☐ Female

Note: Please answer BOTH B.2.2 Ethnicity and B.2.3 Race questions.

B.2.2 Ethnicity
Is Owner 2 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
☐ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
☐ Yes, Cuban
☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

B.2.3 Race
What is Owner 2’s race? Select all that apply. (For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.)
☐ White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.

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☐ Korean
☐ Other Asian – Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.

☐ Asian Indian
☐ Chinese
☐ Filipino
☐ Japanese
☐ Chamorro

☐ Other Asian

B.2.4 Military Service
Has Owner 2 ever served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, the National Guard, or a Reserve component of any service branch?
☐ Yes ☐ No – Skip to ‘B.2.7 Initial Acquisition Year’ on page 11

B.2.5 Military Service Disability
Is Owner 2 disabled as the result of illness or injury incurred or aggravated during military service?
☐ Yes ☐ No
B.2.6 Other Military Service
Do any of the following characteristics describe Owner 2’s military service? **Select all that apply.**

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B.2.7 Initial Acquisition Year
In what year did Owner 2 initially acquire ownership of this business?

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B.2.8 Primary Income Source
In 2020, did this business provide Owner 2’s primary source of personal income?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

B.2.9 Prior Business Ownership
Not including this business, what is the status of the previous business Owner 2 started most recently?

- [ ] This is the owner’s first business
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### B.2.12 Age
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### B.2.13 Place of Birth
Was **Owner 2** born in the United States?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

### B.2.14 U.S. Citizenship
Is **Owner 2** a citizen of the United States?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

### B.2.15 Reasons for Owning the Business
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### OWNER 3

If applicable, if not **Skip to ‘B.5 One Family Majority Ownership’ on page 19.**

#### B.3.1 Sex
What is the sex of Owner 3?
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female

**Note:** Please answer BOTH B.3.2 Ethnicity and B.3.3 Race questions.

#### B.3.2 Ethnicity
Is Owner 3 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
- [ ] No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- [ ] Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- [ ] Yes, Puerto Rican
- [ ] Yes, Cuban
- [ ] Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – *Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.*

#### B.3.3 Race
What is Owner 3’s race? **Select all that apply.** *(For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.)*
- [ ] White – *Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.*
- [ ] Black or African Am. – *Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.*
- [ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native – *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.*
- [ ] Korean
- [ ] Other Asian – *Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.*
- [ ] Asian Indian
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- [ ] Native Hawaiian
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#### B.3.4 Military Service
Has Owner 3 ever served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, the National Guard, or a Reserve component of any service branch?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No – **Skip to ‘B.3.7 Initial Acquisition Year’ on page 14**

#### B.3.5 Military Service Disability
Is Owner 3 disabled as the result of illness or injury incurred or aggravated during military service?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
B.3.6 OtherMilitary Service
Do any of the following characteristics describe Owner 3’s military service? Select all that apply.

☐ Served on active duty military service, not including training for the Reserves or National Guard
☐ Served on active duty military service after September 11, 2001
☐ Served on active duty military service in 2020
☐ Served in the National Guard or as a reservist of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2020
☐ None of the above

B.3.7 Initial Acquisition Year
In what year did Owner 3 initially acquire ownership of this business?

Year ____________________________ ☐ Don’t know

B.3.8 Primary Income Source
In 2020, did this business provide Owner 3’s primary source of personal income?
☐ Yes ☐ No

B.3.9 Prior Business Ownership
Not including this business, what is the status of the previous business Owner 3 started most recently?

☐ This is the owner’s first business
☐ Business is still operating and Owner 3 still owns it
☐ Business is no longer in operation
☐ Business was purchased by another company
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☐ Other (specify) ▼

B.3.10 Education Prior to Owning the Business
Prior to establishing, purchasing, or acquiring this business, what was the highest degree or level of school Owner 3 completed?

☐ Less than high school / secondary school graduate – Skip to ‘B.3.12 Age’ on page 15
☐ High school / secondary school graduate – Diploma or GED – ‘B.3.12 Age’ on page 15
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### B.3.11 Field of Highest Degree Prior to Owning the Business
Prior to establishing, purchasing, or acquiring this business, what was the field of the highest degree completed for Owner 3? **Select all that apply.**

- [ ] Biological, agricultural and environmental life sciences
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### B.3.12 Age
What was the age of Owner 3 as of December 31, 2020?

- [ ] Under 25
- [ ] 25 - 34
- [ ] 35 - 44
- [ ] 45 - 54
- [ ] 55 - 64
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### B.3.13 Place of Birth
Was Owner 3 born in the United States?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

### B.3.14 U.S. Citizenship
Is Owner 3 a citizen of the United States?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

### B.3.15 Reasons for Owning the Business
How important to Owner 3 is each of the following reasons for owning this business? **Select one for each row.**

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**B.4.3 Race**

What is Owner 4’s race? **Select all that apply.**

(For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.)

- [ ] White – *Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.*

- [ ] Black or African Am. – *Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.*

- [ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native – *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.*

- [ ] Korean

- [ ] Other Asian – *Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.*

- [ ] Asian Indian

- [ ] Chinese

- [ ] Filipino

- [ ] Other Asian

- [ ] Other Pacific Islander – *Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.*

**B.4.4 Military Service**

Has Owner 4 ever served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Coast Guard, the National Guard, or a Reserve component of any service branch?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No – **Skip to ‘B.4.7 Initial Acquisition Year’** on page 17

**B.4.5 Military Service Disability**

Is Owner 4 disabled as the result of illness or injury incurred or aggravated during military service?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
B.4.10 Education Prior to Owning the Business

Prior to establishing, purchasing, or acquiring this business, what was the highest degree or level of school Owner 4 completed?

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B.4.7 Initial Acquisition Year

In what year did Owner 4 initially acquire ownership of this business?

☐ Year

☐ Don’t know

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B.4.8 Primary Income Source

In 2020, did this business provide Owner 4’s primary source of personal income?

☐ Yes

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B.5 One Family Majority Ownership
In 2020, did two or more members of one family own the majority of this business? (Family refers to spouses / unmarried partners, parents / guardians, children, siblings, or close relatives.)

☐ Yes
☐ No

B.6 Joint Ownership
In 2020, did spouses / unmarried partners jointly own this business?

☐ Yes
☐ No – See instructions at the bottom of this page

B.7 Equal Operation
In 2020, was this business operated equally by both spouses / unmarried partners?

☐ Yes, equally operated by spouses / unmarried partners
☐ No, primarily operated by Owner 1
☐ No, primarily operated by Owner 2

If you reported "No" to ‘A.4 Business Ownership – U.S. Entity’ AND you reported between 1-9 total employment to ‘A.8 Number of W-2 Paid Domestic Employees or Employees/Owners,’ then skip to SECTION D: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MICROBUSINESSES on page 28.

All others skip to SECTION E: TECHNOLOGY, OPERATIONS, AND INNOVATION on page 33.
SECTION C: RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The following section collects information on your organization and asks about research performed and/or funded by your organization. For the purposes of this survey, your organization is defined as all units included in your Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990 or IRS Form 990-PF filings. Only organizations headquartered in the U.S. are eligible for this section. The reporting period for this section is your organization’s fiscal year ending in 2020. *Estimates are acceptable. Report all items to the best of your ability.*

C.1 Organization Affiliation
Is your organization affiliated with or considered part of another for-profit, nonprofit, or higher education organization? For example, a specific hospital foundation, university research entity, etc.

☐ Yes

If “Yes”, specify ☐

☐ No

C.2 Total Expenses
What was the consolidated total amount of your organization’s expenses for 2020 as (would be) reported on your IRS Form 990s, line 18, or IRS Form 990-PFs, line 26 total expenses and disbursements for column (a) revenue and expenses per books?

*Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.*

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C.3 Number of Employees
For the pay period including March 12, 2020, how many people worked for your organization?

Include:
- Full- and part-time employees.

Exclude:
- Temporary employees and consultants.

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C.4 Fiscal Year End
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The next questions ask about research performed and/or funded by your organization. Please read the information below before continuing.

By research we mean...

For the purposes of this survey, research includes research and experimental development.

Research and experimental development comprise creative and systematic work to:

- Increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of humankind, culture, and society OR
- Devise new applications of available knowledge, including materials, products, devices, processes, systems, or services

Research activities must be...

- **Novel**: projects that advance current knowledge or create new knowledge
- **Creative**: projects focused on original concepts and hypotheses
- **Uncertain**: project outcomes are unable to be completely determined at the outset
- **Systematic**: projects are planned and budgeted
- **Transferable/Reproducible**: project methodology and results are transferable/reproducible to other situations and locations

May meet the criteria for research

- Laboratory or animal studies
- Clinical trials
- Prototype development
- Outcomes research
- Development/measurement of new methods to deliver/measure social service outcomes
- Policy research
- Humanities research
- Research traineeships
- Other experimental studies

Most likely do not meet the criteria for research

- Internal program monitoring or evaluation
- Public service grants or outreach programs
- Education or training programs
- Quality control testing
- Market research
- Management studies/efficiency surveys
- Literary, artistic, or historical projects, such as films, music, or books and other publications
- Feasibility studies, unless included as part of an overall research project

C.5 Research Performed by Your Organization

Did your organization perform research in FY 2020?

Include:

- Research performed by your organization’s employees or contract employees. (Contract employees are individuals contracted to work on projects otherwise fully performed by your organization’s staff.)

Exclude:

- Research performed outside your organization by subcontractors or subawardees.
  (Report in C.6 Research Performed by Others on page 4.)

☐ Yes
☐ No

If you would like to add additional detail or clarification to your response, please comment in the space provided below.
C.6 Research Performed by Others
Did your organization fund research performed by others outside your organization in FY 2020?

Include:
- All grants, contracts, subcontracts, and subawards awarded by your organization to external recipients to perform research

Exclude:
- Research performed by contract employees

☐ Yes
☐ No

If you would like to add additional detail or clarification to your response, please comment in the space provided below.

If you reported “No” for ‘C.5 Research Performed by Your Organization’ AND “No” for ‘C.6 Research Performed by Others,’ skip to ‘C.16 Burden Estimate’ on page 9.

If you reported “No” for ‘C.5 Research Performed by Your Organization’ AND “Yes” for ‘C.6 Research Performed by Others,’ skip to ‘C.15 Funding for Research Performed by Other Organizations’ on page 9.

All others continue to ‘C.7 Funding for Research Performed by This Organization.’

C.7 Funding for Research Performed by This Organization
In FY 2020, how much was spent on research performed within your organization?
Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.

Include:
- Direct costs, such as salaries and wages, travel, equipment, supplies, consulting, and other expenditures directly supporting your organization’s research projects
- Indirect costs associated with research expenditures, such as general and administrative salaries and wages, fringe benefits, facility costs, depreciation, etc. These should be calculated using your organization’s applicable fringe, overhead, and General and Administrative (G&A) or Facilities and Administrative (F&A) rates

Exclude:
- Capital expenditures (i.e., costs for construction or renovation of facilities)
- Payments/funds in excess of the actual cost of the research work performed (e.g., fees)
- Payments made by your organization to subcontractors or subawardees performing research outside your organization

Total ..............................................................

If you would like to add additional detail or clarification to your response, please comment in the space provided below.
### C.8 Research Funding Sources

How much of the ‘C.7 Funding for Research Performed by This Organization’ came from each of the following sources?

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C.9 Field of Research

How much of the ‘C.7 Funding for Research Performed by This Organization’ was spent in each of the following fields?

Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.

a. **Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Conservation**: e.g., Agricultural sciences, Animal sciences, Applied horticulture, Fishing and fisheries science, Food science and technology, Forestry, Natural resources and conservation, Plant sciences, or Soil sciences... $0 0 0

b. **Biological, Biomedical, and Health Sciences**: e.g., Biochemistry, biophysics, molecular biology; Biotechnology; Botany; Cell biology; Epidemiology; Genetics; Medicine; Neuroscience; Public health; Veterinary medicine; or Zoology... $0 0 0

c. **Engineering**: e.g., Aerospace, aeronautical, and astronautical engineering; Bioengineering and biomedical engineering; Chemical engineering; Civil engineering; Electrical, electronic, and communications engineering; Industrial and manufacturing engineering; Mechanical engineering; or Metallurgical and materials engineering... $0 0 0

d. **Geosciences, Atmospheric Sciences, and Ocean Sciences**: e.g., Atmospheric sciences and meteorology, Geological and earth sciences, or Ocean and marine sciences... $0 0 0

e. **Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer and Information Sciences**: e.g., Computer sciences, Information sciences, Information technology, Mathematics, or Statistics... $0 0 0

f. **Physical Sciences**: e.g., Astronomy and astrophysics, Chemistry, Materials science, or Physics... $0 0 0

g. **Psychology and Social Sciences**: e.g., Anthropology; Archaeology; City, urban, community, and regional planning; Criminology; Economics; Geography; Linguistics; Political science and government; Psychology; Public policy analysis; or Sociology, demography, and population studies... $0 0 0

h. **Humanities**: e.g., English language and literature, letters; Foreign languages and literature; History; or Philosophy and religious studies... $0 0 0

i. **Other Fields**: e.g., Business management and business administration, Communication and communications technologies, Education, Law, Library science, Social work, or Visual and performing arts... $0 0 0

Total... $0 0 0
C.10 Research Performance

How much of the ‘C.7 Funding for Research Performed by This Organization’ was for basic research, applied research, and experimental research?

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a. **Basic research:** Experimental or theoretical work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge of the underlying foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without any particular application or use in view.

b. **Applied research:** Original investigation undertaken in order to acquire new knowledge. It is directed primarily towards a specific, practical aim or objective.

c. **Experimental development:** Systematic work, drawing on knowledge gained from research and practical experience and producing additional knowledge, which is directed to producing new products or processes or to improving existing products or processes.

**Total:** Total for column (1) should equal the amount entered for ‘C.8.a. Research Funding Sources – Federal Government.’ Total for column (3) should equal the amount entered for ‘C.7 Funding for Research Performed by This Organization.’

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C.11 Research Employees for Nonprofit Organizations

Of the ‘C.3 Number of Employees’ reported, how many worked on research activities in FY 2020?

Include:
- Only your organization’s paid employees.

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How many full-time equivalents (FTEs) worked on research activities in FY 2020?

FTE research personnel are calculated as the total working (paid) hours spent working on research during a specific reference period (usually a calendar year) divided by the number of hours representing a full-time schedule within the same period. Include only your organization’s paid employees. For example, if you have three people working 20, 30, and 40 hours in a week on research activities and a full-time schedule is 40 hours a week at your organization, your research FTE calculation is (20 + 30 + 40)/40 = 2.25 FTE.

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<td>b. Research technicians and other support personnel:</td>
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<td>Staff who work under the supervision of researchers to conduct research activities</td>
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<td>c. Other support personnel (clerical and other):</td>
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<td>Staff who provide direct support services for the research project</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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C.13 Research Contract Employees for Nonprofit Organizations

a. Did any contract employees work on your research activities in FY 2020?

Contract employees are individuals contracted to work on projects otherwise fully performed by your organization staff.

- Yes
- No

b. If “Yes”, how many contract employees worked on your research activities during FY 2020?
C.14 Research Volunteers for Nonprofit Organizations
   a. Did any volunteers work on your research activities in FY 2020?
      Volunteers are unpaid workers contributing appreciable and essential activity to research performed by
      your organization. Their research skills should be comparable to those of your employees. Individuals
      funded by other sources to conduct research at your organization should not be considered volunteers.
      □ Yes
      □ No
   b. If “Yes”, how many volunteers worked on your research activities during FY 2020?  

If you reported “No” for ‘C.6 Research Performed by Others,’ skip to ‘C.16 Burden Estimate.’

C.15 Funding for Research Performed by Other Organizations
   In FY 2020, how much funding did your organization provide to others to perform research activities?
   Include:
      • All grants, contracts, subcontracts, and subawards awarded by your organization to external recipients to
        perform research.
      • For multi-year awards, include only the amount paid to the external recipients in FY 2020.
   Exclude:
      • Research performed by contract employees.
      a. Research grants or contracts: Include grants and contracts awarded by your organization to external
         recipients to perform independent research.  
         $Bil.  Mil.  Thou.  Dol.  
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      b. Subcontracts and subawards: Include subcontracts and subawards awarded by your organization to external
         recipients to support your research activities.  
         $Bil.  Mil.  Thou.  Dol.  
         □□□□□□□□□□□□
   Total.  
         $Bil.  Mil.  Thou.  Dol.  
         □□□□□□□□□□□□

If you would like to add additional detail or clarification to your response, please comment in the space provided below.

C.16 Burden Estimate
   What was the total amount of staff time it took your organization to complete this section?
   Include:
      • The time spent reading the instructions, working on the questions, and obtaining information.
      • The time spent by all employees in collecting and providing this information.
   Hours  Minutes  
         □□ : □□
SECTION D: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MICROBUSINESSES

The following section collects information on research and development activity from businesses with W-2 employment between 1 and 9.

What is Research and Development (R&D)?
Research and development (R&D) comprise creative and systematic work undertaken in order to increase the stock of knowledge and to devise new applications of available knowledge.

The term R&D does NOT include expenditures for:

- Costs for routine product testing, quality control, and technical services unless they are an integral part of an R&D project
- Market research
- Efficiency surveys or management studies
- Literary, artistic, or historical projects, such as films, music, or books and other publications
- Prospecting or exploration for natural resources

R&D activity in software INCLUDES:
- Software development or improvement activities that expand scientific or technological knowledge
- Construction of new theories and algorithms in the field of computer science

R&D activity in software EXCLUDES:
- Software development that does not depend on a scientific or technological advance, such as
  - supporting or adapting existing systems
  - adding functionality to existing application programs, and
  - routine debugging of existing systems and software
- Creation of new software based on known methods and applications
- Conversion or translation of existing software and software languages
- Adaptation of a product to a specific client, unless knowledge that significantly improved the base program was added in that process

Reporting unit
The reporting unit is this business, including all subsidiaries and divisions. Include subsidiary companies where there is more than 50 percent ownership.

Reporting period
Report data for the calendar year 2020, if possible, or for this business’s fiscal year ending between April 2020 and March 2021.

Estimates are acceptable.
Report all items to the best of your ability.
D.1 R&D Activities

During 2020, did this business do any of the following R&D activities? Include activities that:

- This business performed
- Others paid this business to do
- This business paid others to do

Select one for each row.

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<td>a. Conducted activities aimed at acquiring new knowledge or understanding without specific immediate commercial applications or uses.</td>
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<td>b. Conducted activities aimed at acquiring new knowledge for solving a specific problem or meeting a specific commercial objective.</td>
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<td>c. Conducted systematic work, drawing on research and practical experience and resulting in additional knowledge, which is directed to producing new products or processes or to improving existing products or processes.</td>
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<td>d. Developed and tested goods, services, or processes that were derived from scientific research or technical findings.</td>
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<td>e. Developed software that advanced scientific or technological knowledge.</td>
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<td>f. Produced findings that could be published in academic journals or presented at scientific conferences.</td>
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<td>g. Applied scientific or technical knowledge in a way that has never been done before.</td>
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<td>h. Created new scientific or technical solutions that can be generalized to other situations.</td>
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<td>i. Conlected work to discover previously unknown technological facts, structures, or relationships.</td>
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<td>j. Conducted work to extend the understanding of scientific facts, relationships, or principles in ways that could be useful to others.</td>
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If "No" is selected for a. – j., skip to SECTION E: TECHNOLOGY, OPERATIONS, AND INNOVATION on page 25.

D.2 R&D Costs

What was the total cost (both direct and indirect) in 2020 for all the R&D activities reported as “Yes” in the ‘D.1 R&D Activities’ question? Your best estimate is acceptable. Report dollar amount in thousands. If none, report zero.

Include the following costs:

- Salaries, wages, fringe benefits
- Plant, machinery, and equipment, except that which was capitalized because it had an alternative future use
- Materials, supplies, software
- Rent, utilities
- Consultants, contractors
- Depreciation expense from plant, machinery, and equipment that was capitalized because it had an alternative future use

Do not include:

- Costs for routine product testing, quality control, and technical services unless they are an integral part of an R&D project
- Market research
- Efficiency surveys or management studies
- Literary, artistic, or historical projects, such as films, music, or books and other publications
- Prospecting or exploration for natural resources

Total costs for ‘R&D Activities’ reported in the ‘D.1 R&D Activities’ question for 2020

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If ‘D.2 R&D Costs’ are less than $50,000, skip to SECTION E: TECHNOLOGY, OPERATIONS, AND INNOVATION on page 25.
### D.3 Foreign R&D Costs

During 2020, what amount, if any, of the ‘D.2 R&D Costs’ was performed outside the U.S. by this business or others? 

**Round to the nearest thousand dollars.**

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### D.4 Domestic R&D Costs

Calculate this business’s domestic R&D costs by subtracting the amount entered for R&D costs outside the U.S. (question ‘D.3 Foreign R&D Costs’) from all R&D costs (question ‘D.2 R&D Costs’). This value will be used in other questions in this survey. **Round to the nearest thousand dollars.**

**This business’s domestic R&D cost in 2020.**

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If ‘D.4 Domestic R&D Costs’ equals $0, skip to ‘D.9 R&D Employees’ on page 24.

### D.5 Types of R&D Costs

During 2020, how much of the ‘D.4 Domestic R&D Costs’ in domestic R&D costs was for each of the following types of costs? **Round to the nearest thousand dollars.**

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<td>a. Salaries, wages, and fringe benefits</td>
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<td>b. Expensed machinery and equipment (not capitalized)</td>
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<td>c. Materials and supplies</td>
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<td>d. Payments to others for R&amp;D, including purchased R&amp;D services</td>
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<td>e. Depreciation on R&amp;D property and equipment</td>
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<td>f. All other costs (for example, consultants, contractors, travel, rent)</td>
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**Total = ‘D.4 Domestic R&D Costs’**

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### D.6 Domestic R&D Performance Costs

Calculate this business’s domestic R&D performance costs by subtracting the payments for R&D services (item d. in question ‘D.5 Types of R&D Costs’) from domestic R&D costs (question ‘D.4 Domestic R&D Costs’). Use this value in the next question. **Round to the nearest thousand dollars.**

This business’s domestic R&D performance costs in 2020.

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If ‘D.6 Domestic R&D Performance Costs’ equals $0, skip to ‘D.9 R&D Employees’ on page 24.
D.7 Funding Sources for R&D Activities

During 2020, of the ‘D.6 Domestic R&D Performance Costs’ in total domestic R&D performance cost, how much was paid for by the following sources? **Round to the nearest thousand dollars.**

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<th>Source</th>
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<td>a. This U.S. business.</td>
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<td>b. Your foreign owner (if this business is foreign-owned)</td>
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<td>c. Venture capital and angel financing</td>
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<td>d. Other businesses located within the United States</td>
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<td>e. Other businesses located outside the United States</td>
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<td>f. Universities or colleges located within the United States.</td>
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<td>g. Nonprofit organizations located within the United States.</td>
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<td>h. U.S. Federal government (including R&amp;D grants).</td>
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<td>Which agency provided the largest share? <strong>Select one from the list below.</strong></td>
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<td>National Science Foundation</td>
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<td>Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institutes of Health</td>
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<td>Other agencies</td>
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<td>i. U.S., State, or local government (not including state universities)</td>
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<td>j. All other organizations outside the United States</td>
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<td>Total = ‘D.6 Domestic R&amp;D Performance Costs’</td>
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D.8 R&D Categories

During 2020, of the ‘D.6 Domestic R&D Performance Costs’ in domestic R&D performance cost, how much was for the following with types of R&D? **Round to the nearest thousand dollars.**

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<tr>
<th>Type of R&amp;D</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>a. Basic research</td>
<td>activities aimed at acquiring new knowledge or understanding without specific immediate commercial applications or uses</td>
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<td>b. Applied research</td>
<td>activities aimed at solving a specific problem or meeting a specific commercial objective.</td>
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<td>c. Development</td>
<td>systematic work, drawing on research and practical experience and resulting in additional knowledge, which is directed to producing new products or processes or to improving existing products or processes.</td>
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**D.9 Domestic R&D Employees**

For the pay period including March 12, 2020, how many employees from this business’s domestic operations were **R&D employees** and how many were **all other employees**? Include owners who received a W-2. *If none, report zero.*

**R&D employees include** all employees who work on R&D or who provide direct support to R&D, such as researchers, R&D managers, technicians, clerical staff, and others assigned to R&D groups. **Exclude** employees who provide only indirect support to R&D, such as corporate personnel, security guards, and cafeteria workers.

Previously you reported this business’s total number of employees in ‘A.8 Number of W-2 Paid Employees or Employee/Owners’ on page 3. Responses below should not exceed the number of employees reported in A.8.

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<th>a. How many of those employees and owner/employees were R&amp;D employees?</th>
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<td>b. Of the R&amp;D employees, how many were female?</td>
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<td>c. Of the R&amp;D employees, how many were male?</td>
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The sum of b. and c. should equal the amount entered in a.

If you reported "0" for item a. in question ‘D.9 Domestic R&D Employees,’ skip to ‘D.13 Tax Credit for Research Activities’.

**D.10 Domestic R&D Employees’ Occupations**

Of the ‘D.9.a. Domestic R&D Employees,’ how many were?

*If none, report zero.*

| Employees |
|-----------------------------|---|
| a. Researchers (including R&D scientists, engineers, and their managers) | 0 |
| b. R&D technicians and equivalent staff | 0 |
| c. R&D support staff (clerical and other) | 0 |
| d. Total R&D employees (Total from ‘D.9.a. Domestic R&D Employees’) | 0 |
| e. Of the researchers reported in line D.10.a., how many had PhDs? | 0 |

**D.11 Domestic R&D Employees Full-Time Equivalent**

What was the full-time equivalent of the ‘D.9.a. Domestic R&D Employees,’ R&D employees? *For full-time Domestic R&D employees, use the number of employees for the FTEs. For other full-time employees not working solely on R&D or part-time employees working on R&D, use the share of full-time workweek they work on R&D. Report partial FTEs in decimals.*

*For example, report 1/2 FTE as .5.*

| Number of FTEs |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Total FTEs | 0 |

**D.12 Domestic Researchers Full-Time Equivalent**

What was the full-time equivalent of the ‘D.10.a. Domestic R&D Employee Occupations’ researchers? *Report partial FTEs in decimals. For example, report 1/2 FTE as .5.*

| Number of FTEs |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Total FTEs | 0 |

**D.13 Tax Credit for Research Activities**

Did this business file for the tax credit for increasing research activities (IRS Form 6765) in 2020?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

*Note: Additional questions about R&D changes due to the coronavirus pandemic will be asked in SECTION H: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.*
**SECTION E: TECHNOLOGY, OPERATIONS, AND INNOVATION**

The following section collects information on business technology use, domestic and foreign operations, and business innovation of new or improved goods, services, or business processes that differed significantly from this business’s previous goods, services, or processes.

**E.1 Digital Share of Business Activity**

In 2020, did this business use a digital format for any of the following types of information? **Select one for each row.**

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<th>Collected primarily in digital format</th>
<th>Collected, but not digitally</th>
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<td>b. Financial</td>
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<td>c. Customer feedback</td>
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<td>d. Marketing</td>
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<td>e. Supply chain</td>
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<td>f. Production</td>
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<td>g. Other (specify)</td>
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**E.2 Cloud Service Purchases**

In 2020, did this business use cloud services for any of the following IT functions? Do not include software purchases with embedded cloud features (e.g., Microsoft Office, Adobe). **Select one for each row.**

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<th>Function</th>
<th>In use, primarily cloud-based</th>
<th>In use, but not cloud-based</th>
<th>Not in use</th>
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<td>a. Security or firewall</td>
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<td>b. Servers</td>
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<td>c. Data storage and management</td>
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<td>d. Collaboration and file</td>
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<td>e. Data analysis</td>
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<td>f. Billing and account management</td>
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<td>g. Customer relationship management</td>
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<td>h. Other (specify)</td>
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### E.3 Business Technologies

In 2020, did this business produce goods or provide services by using or applying any of the following technologies?

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<th>Technology</th>
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<th>In testing, but not in use</th>
<th>Not in use nor testing</th>
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<td>b. Automated guided vehicles (AGV) or AGV systems</td>
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<td>c. Machine learning</td>
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<td>d. Machine vision</td>
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<td>e. Natural language processing</td>
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<td>f. Radio-frequency identification (RFID) system</td>
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<td>g. Robotics</td>
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<td>h. Touchscreens/kiosks for customer interface (e.g., self-checkout, self-check-in, touchscreen ordering)</td>
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<td>i. Voice recognition software</td>
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<td>j. Additive manufacturing (3D printing), including prototyping</td>
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### E.4 Activities Conducted by Unaffiliated Companies

In 2020, did any unaffiliated companies located in the United States conduct any of the following activities for this business? Unaffiliated companies include firms such as independent contractors and suppliers.

**Select one for each row.**

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>a. Core production (cost of goods and services in your primary business activities)</td>
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<td>b. Distribution and logistics (include transportation costs)</td>
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<td>c. Marketing, sales/after sales services</td>
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<td>d. Administrative or management functions</td>
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<td>e. Research and development (R&amp;D includes creative and systematic work undertaken in order to increase the stock of knowledge and to devise new applications of available knowledge)</td>
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E.5 Activities Conducted by Foreign Companies

In 2020, did any companies located outside the United States conduct any of the following activities for this business? Companies located outside the United States may be unaffiliated or affiliated, such as a foreign affiliate or a foreign parent.

Select one for each row.

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E.6 New or Improved Goods

During the three years 2018 to 2020, did this business introduce to the market any new or improved goods that differed significantly from this business’s previous goods? This includes the addition of new functions or improvements to existing functions or user utility. Functions include quality, technical specifications, reliability, durability, economic efficiency during use, affordability, convenience, usability, and user friendliness. User utility includes attributes such as affordability and financial convenience.

Goods: usually a tangible object, such as a smartphone, furniture, or packaged software, but also includes digital goods, such as downloadable software, music and film. Exclude the simple resale of new goods or changes of a solely aesthetic nature.

☐ Yes
☐ No

E.7 New or Improved Services

During the three years 2018 to 2020, did this business introduce to the market any new or improved services that differed significantly from this business’s previous services? This includes the addition of new functions or improvements to existing functions or user utility. Functions include quality, technical specifications, reliability, durability, economic efficiency during use, affordability, convenience, usability, and user friendliness. User utility includes attributes such as affordability and financial convenience.

Services: intangible activities, such as retailing, insurance, educational courses, air travel, consulting, etc.; also includes digital services. Exclude the simple resale of new services.

☐ Yes
☐ No
SECTION F: FINANCING

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
When answering the following questions, please factor in the coronavirus pandemic and how it affected this business.

F.1 Effect of Coronavirus Pandemic on Business Sales
How would you assess the overall effect of the coronavirus pandemic on this business’s sales in 2020?

☐ Increased significantly
☐ Increased somewhat
☐ Had little to no change
☐ Decreased somewhat
☐ Decreased significantly

F.2 Sources of Financial Assistance During Coronavirus Pandemic
Since March 13, 2020, has this business requested financial assistance from any of the following sources?

Include:
• Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans
• Small Business Economic Injury Disaster loans
• Other federal, state, or local government programs aimed specifically at addressing the coronavirus pandemic

☐ Yes
☐ No – Skip to ‘F.6 Level of Operations During Coronavirus Pandemic’ on page 29

F.3 Government Financial Assistance Requested During Coronavirus Pandemic
What was the total dollar amount of government-sponsored coronavirus pandemic financial assistance (from the previous question – ‘F.2 Sources of Financial Assistance During Coronavirus Pandemic’) that this business requested? Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.

$\text{Bil.}$ $\text{Mil.}$ $\text{Thou.}$ $\text{Dol.}$

If response is "$0", skip to ‘F.6 Level of Operations During Coronavirus Pandemic’ on page 29.

F.4 Government Financial Assistance Received During Coronavirus Pandemic
What was the total dollar amount of government-sponsored coronavirus pandemic financial assistance that this business received? Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.

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If response is "$0", skip to ‘F.6 Level of Operations During Coronavirus Pandemic’ on page 29.
F.5 Government Financial Assistance Forgiveness
What share of the government-sponsored coronavirus pandemic financial assistance received was forgiven or does not need to be paid back?

☐ None
☐ 1 – 25%
☐ 26 – 50%
☐ 51 – 75%
☐ 76 – 100%
☐ Don’t know

F.6 Level of Operations During Coronavirus Pandemic
Will this business be able to maintain operations into the next year (2022)?

☐ Yes, at or above the current level of operations
☐ Yes, at or below the current level of operations
☐ No
☐ Don’t know

F.7 Financial Health of the Business
In 2021, how concerned are you about the financial health of this business?

☐ Not that concerned
☐ Somewhat concerned
☐ Very concerned

F.8 Outstanding Debt for the Business
What is the total amount of this business’s current outstanding debt?
*Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.*

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☐ Don’t know
SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT
When answering the following questions, please respond based on this business’s credit-seeking activity for the 12 months ending December 31, 2020. *Exclude loans that were forgiven as part of a government response to the coronavirus pandemic.*

F.9 New Credit Applications
For the 12 months ending December 31, 2020, did this business submit an application for new credit (e.g., a credit card, loan, line of credit, trade financing, etc.)?

☐ Yes
☐ No – **Skip to SECTION G: MANAGEMENT PRACTICES** on page 31
☐ Don’t know – **Skip to SECTION G: MANAGEMENT PRACTICES** on page 31

F.10 New Credit Sources
For the 12 months ending December 31, 2020, from what lenders did this business apply for new credit? **Select all that apply.**

☐ Bank (financial institution that accepts deposits and extends credit, either in person or online)
☐ Credit union (nonprofit financial institution that provides banking services, including loans, to its members)
☐ Fintech/online lender (type of finance company that operates exclusively online and/or by phone to issue loans or lines of credit, usually with no collateral requirements. Includes payment companies that offer loans and cash advances to merchants.)
☐ Finance company (company that provides loans or leases but, unlike a bank, does not accept deposits or offer banking services. Examples include mortgage companies, equipment dealers, and auto finance companies.)
☐ Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) (financial institution certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury that provides credit, financial services, and technical assistance to underserved people or places)
☐ Other, specify:

F.11 New Credit Received
For the 12 months ending December 31, 2020, how much of the total amount of credit requested did this business receive?

☐ None
☐ Some
☐ All
☐ Don’t know

F.12 Business Financing Uses
For the 12 months ending December 31, 2020, for what purpose did this business seek financing? **Select all that apply.**

☐ Meet operating expenses
☐ Expand business, pursue new opportunity, or acquire business assets
☐ Replace capital assets or make repairs
☐ Refinance or pay down debt
☐ Other, specify:

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SECTION G: MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The following section collects information on management practices and employee training.

G.1 Managing Production Problems or Service Issues

In 2020, what best describes what happened at this business when a production problem or service issue arose? *For example, finding a quality defect in a product or piece of equipment breaking down.*

- [ ] We fixed it but did not take further action.
- [ ] We fixed it and took action to make sure that it did not happen again.
- [ ] We fixed it and took action to make sure that it did not happen again, and had a continuous improvement process to anticipate problems like these in advance.
- [ ] No action was taken.
- [ ] No production problem or service issue arose.

G.2 Number of Key Performance Indicators

In 2020, how many key performance indicators were monitored at this business? *Key performance indicators are formal, quantifiable measures of performance or quality at this business.*

- [ ] 1-2 key performance indicators
- [ ] 3-9 key performance indicators
- [ ] 10 or more key performance indicators
- [ ] No key performance indicators – *Skip to ‘G.4 Frequency of Customer Satisfaction Monitoring’ on page 32*

G.3 Frequency of Key Performance Indicators

During 2020, how frequently were the key performance indicators reviewed at this business? *Select all that apply.*

- [ ] Yearly
- [ ] Quarterly
- [ ] Monthly
- [ ] Weekly
- [ ] Daily
- [ ] Hourly or more frequently
- [ ] Never
G.4 Frequency of Customer Satisfaction Monitoring
How often does this business monitor customer satisfaction through analysis of complaints, customer satisfaction surveys, focus groups, or other methods?

Select all that apply.

☐ Yearly
☐ Quarterly
☐ Monthly
☐ Weekly
☐ Daily
☐ Hourly or more frequently
☐ Never

G.5 Business Targets
In 2020, what best describes the timeframe of business, service, or production targets at this business? Examples of business, service, or production targets include number of customers, production, quality, efficiency, sales, waste, and on-time delivery.

☐ Main focus was on short-term (less than one year) targets
☐ Main focus was on long-term (more than one year) targets
☐ Combination of short-term and long-term targets
☐ No targets – Skip to ‘G.7 Employee Promotion’

G.6 Level of Effort to Reach Business Targets
In 2020, how much effort did it take to achieve business, service, or production targets at this business as compared to previous years’ effort?

☐ Minimal effort
☐ Less than normal effort
☐ Normal effort
☐ More than normal effort
☐ Extraordinary effort

G.7 Employee Promotion
In 2020, what was the primary way employees were promoted at this business?

☐ Promotions were based solely on performance and ability.
☐ Promotions were based partly on performance and ability and partly on other factors (e.g., tenure or family connections).
☐ Promotions were based mainly on factors other than performance and ability (e.g., tenure or family connections).
☐ Employees are not promoted.
☐ Not applicable
G.8 Under-Performing Employee
In 2020, was an under-performing employee reassigned or dismissed?
☐ Yes, within 6 months of identifying under-performing employee
☐ Yes, after 6 months of identifying under-performing employee
☐ Under-performing employees were not reassigned or dismissed
☐ No under-performing employees identified
☐ Not applicable

G.9 Employee Training Expenditures
In 2020, how much did this business spend on formal training programs? Round to the nearest one thousand dollars. If none, report zero.

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G.10 Employee Training Participation
In 2020, what percent of employees received any formal training? If none, report zero.

Percent

If response is "0%", skip to SECTION H: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC on page 34.

G.11 Hours of Employee Training
In 2020, what was the average number of formal training hours each employee received?

Average number of hours

G.12 Area of Employee Training
In 2020, which of the following areas did employees cover during their formal training? Select all that apply.

☐ Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or other safety training
☐ Other mandated or required government training (federal, state, or local)
☐ Improving teamwork or problem-solving skills
☐ Training in sales and customer service
☐ Training to use computers or new equipment
☐ Training on the same use of equipment and tools
☐ Other, specify

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SECTION H: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The coronavirus pandemic resulted in major economic changes, as businesses reacted to a general shutdown that started in the United States in mid-March 2020. When answering the following questions, please consider how the coronavirus pandemic affected this business’s research and development (R&D) activities.

H.1 R&D Changes Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
In 2020, did the following statements apply to this business’s research and development (R&D) in response to the coronavirus pandemic? Select one for each row.

- a. New R&D projects were started
- b. Existing R&D projects were canceled
- c. Existing R&D projects were disrupted or delayed

Yes  No

☐ Check here if business did not have R&D and skip to SECTION I: CONTACT INFORMATION on page 35.

H.2 Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic on R&D Expenditures
In 2020, did this business modify its in-house R&D expenditures in response to the coronavirus pandemic?

- ☐ Yes, increased in-house R&D expenditures
- ☐ Yes, decreased in-house R&D expenditures
- ☐ No change in in-house R&D expenditures due to the coronavirus pandemic
- ☐ Don’t know

H.3 R&D Performance Due to Coronavirus Pandemic
In 2020, did this business perform in-house R&D on coronavirus pandemic related R&D projects in response to the coronavirus pandemic? For example, R&D to create self-sterilizing work surfaces; R&D to develop a COVID-19 diagnostic test; R&D to adapt LEDs to UV for light-weight air purification system, etc.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

H.4 Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic on R&D Full-Time Equivalent Personnel
In 2020, were there any changes to the number of full-time equivalent (FTEs) R&D personnel employed or contracted in response to the coronavirus pandemic by this business?

- ☐ Yes, increase in FTEs
- ☐ Yes, decrease in FTEs
- ☐ No change in R&D personnel due to the coronavirus pandemic
- ☐ Don’t know

H.5 Outsourcing R&D Expenditures Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
In 2020, did this business modify its outsourced R&D expenditures in response to the coronavirus pandemic?

- ☐ Yes, increased outsourced R&D expenditures
- ☐ Yes, decreased outsourced R&D expenditures
- ☐ No change in payments made to other organizations for R&D due to the coronavirus pandemic
- ☐ Don’t know
## SECTION I: CONTACT INFORMATION

Enter the first and last name of the person who is filling out this survey. We request a telephone number so we can contact you if there is a question.

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Additional Remarks: Please use this space for any explanations that may be essential in understanding your reported data.

Thank you for completing the 2021 Annual Business Survey form.
Definitions

**Domestic (or U.S.-located):**
Refers to a location in any of the U.S. 50 states and the District of Columbia.

**Foreign parent (of a U.S.-located business):**
The first entity outside the United States in an affiliate’s ownership chain that has a direct or indirect investment interest of more than 50 percent of the affiliate’s voting securities.

**Intellectual property:**
Includes patents, processes, and trade secrets; books and music; trademarks; recorded performances and events, such as radio and television programs and motion pictures; broadcast and recorded live performances and events and their content; general use computer software; franchise fees; and other (for example, digital media).

**Research and Development (R&D):**
Research and development (R&D) comprise creative and systematic work undertaken in order to increase the stock of knowledge and to devise new applications of available knowledge.

The term R&D does NOT include expenditures for:

- Costs for routine product testing, quality control, and technical services unless they are an integral part of an R&D project
- Market research
- Efficiency surveys or management studies
- Literary, artistic, or historical projects, such as films, music, or books and other publications
- Prospecting or exploration for natural resources

**R&D activity in software INCLUDES:**

- Software development or improvement activities that expand scientific or technological knowledge
- Construction of new theories and algorithms in the field of computer science

**R&D activity in software EXCLUDES:**

- Software development that does not depend on a scientific or technological advance, such as
  - supporting or adapting existing systems
  - adding functionality to existing application programs
  - routine debugging of existing systems and software
- Creation of new software based on known methods and applications
- Conversion or translation of existing software and software languages
- Adaptation of a product to a specific client, unless knowledge that significantly improved the base program was added in that process