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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 Directors
U.S. Census Bureau and National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

The U.S. Census Bureau has selected your business to participate in the **2019 Business Enterprise Research and Development Survey**. This national survey collects information from businesses operating in the United States and is the single most important source of up-to-date information on business research and development (R&D) in the United States. Accurate information about R&D will help leaders in the public and private sectors make better decisions to strengthen American competitiveness.

Authentication Code:
Due Date:

1. **Sign in** OR **register** at https://portal.census.gov
2. **Add** your authentication code.
3. **Report** by clicking on "REPORT NOW." You can return to your account over multiple sessions to complete the survey.

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW and will be kept strictly **CONFIDENTIAL**. We estimate this survey will take an average of 3.3 hours to complete. Additional 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 sign into your Census Bureau account or call our customer help line at 1-800-772-7851, 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, places, and economy.

Sincerely,

Emilda B. Rivers
Director
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics
National Science Foundation

Steven D. Dillingham
Director
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 0607-0912 and appears in the top right corner of each reporting screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182, and Title 42, United States Code, Sections 1861-76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended), and Section 505 within the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 authorize this collection. Sections 224 and 225 of Title 13 require your response. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Section 9 of Title 13 to keep your information CONFIDENTIAL and can 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 Enterprise Research and Development Survey will take an average of 3.3 hours to complete, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the survey.