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YOUR RESPONSE IS CONFIDENTIAL BY LAW

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YOUR RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT

The services industries account for nearly 70 percent of all economic activity. We conduct this survey to obtain timely, comprehensive and consistent measures needed by policy-makers, businesses, and the public to accurately assess domestic economic performance.

Annual Services Report

- This report should be completed and returned on or before the due date in the preaddressed envelope provided.
- If filing within the required time frame will cause an undue burden and you would like an extension, or if you have any questions, please write to:

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1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

or call a Census Bureau Representative at 1–800–772–7851, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

1 Report Coverage

This report covers all domestic locations operated by your company and its subsidiaries primarily engaged in answering telephone calls and relaying messages to clients.

Does the above coverage describe this firm's business activity?

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1 ☐ Yes – **Go to** 2
2 ☐ No – **Specify the firm's business activity and complete the report where applicable beginning with** 2 **.**

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2 Report Periods

What periods of time will this data represent?

- Report data for the 2008 calendar year if possible.
- For locations that were sold or acquired during the year, only report for the periods that this firm operated the locations.

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1 ☐ 2008 calendar year – Go to 3
2 ☐ Other than calendar year – **Enter the periods this report will cover.** . . . . . .
(e.g., fiscal years, periods with less than a full calendar year).

	2008		
	Month	Day	Year
0007 **From**			
0008 **To**			

3 Operating Revenue

Report the total operating revenue for this firm's locations defined in 1 for the following categories.

- Enter "0" where applicable.
- Estimates are acceptable.

Exclude:

- Transfers made within the company.

		2008 Operating Revenue			
		Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
1. TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	1800	$			

4 Not Applicable

5 Operating Expenses

Report operating expenses for this firm's locations as defined in 1 for the following categories.

- Enter "0" where applicable.
- Estimates are acceptable.

Exclude:

- Transfers made within the company
- Capitalized expenses
- Interest
- Bad debt
- Impairment
- Income tax

Personnel Costs

2008 Operating Expenses

1. **Gross annual payroll –** Total annual Medicare salaries and wages for all employees as reported on your firm's IRS Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, line 5(c) for the four quarters that correspond to the survey period or IRS Form 944 Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return line 4(c). . . . . 1821 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — Bil. Mil. Thou. Dol. — $

2. **Employer's cost for fringe benefits –** Employer's cost for legally required programs and programs not required by law. **Include** insurance premiums for hospital plans, medical plans, and single service plans (e.g., dental, vision, prescription drugs); premium equivalents for self-insured plans and fees paid to third-party administrators (TPAs); defined benefit pension plans; defined contribution plans (e.g., profit sharing, 401K and stock option plans); and other fringe benefits (e.g., Social Security, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment tax, state disability insurance programs, life insurance benefits, Medicare). **Exclude** employee contributions. . . . . 1822 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — $

3. **Temporary staff and leased employee expense –** Total costs paid to Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) and staffing agencies for personnel. **Include** all charges for payroll, benefits, and services. . . . . 1823 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — $

Expensed Materials, Parts and Supplies (not for resale)

4. **Expensed equipment –** Expensed computer hardware and other equipment (e.g., copiers, fax machines, telephones, shop and lab equipment, CPUs and monitors). Report packaged software in line **6.** Report leased and rented equipment in line **8**. . . . . 1824 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — $

5. **Expensed purchases of other materials, parts, and supplies –** Materials and supplies used in providing services to others; materials and parts used in repairs; office and janitorial supplies; small tools; containers and other packaging materials; and motor fuels. . . . . 1825 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — $

Expensed Purchased Services

6. **Expensed purchases of software –** Purchases of prepackaged, custom coded, or vendor customized software. **Include** software developed or customized by others, web-design services and purchases, licensing agreements, upgrades of software; and maintenance fees related to software upgrades and alterations. . . . . 1826 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — $

7. **Purchased electricity and fuels (except motor fuels) –** If the cost of electricity and heating fuels (e.g., natural gas, propane, oil, coal) are included in lease or rental payments, report in line **8**. . . . . 1827 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — $

8. **Lease and rental payments –** For land, buildings, offices, structures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible items. **Include** lease and rental of transportation equipment without operators; and penalties incurred for broken leases. **Exclude** capital and financing lease agreements and licensing/leasing of software. . . . . 1828 — *Mark "X" if None* ☐ — $

5 Operating Expenses – (Continued)

Report operating expenses for this firm's locations as defined in 1 for the following categories.

- Enter "0" where applicable.
- Estimates are acceptable.

Exclude:

- Transfers made within the company
- Capitalized expenses
- Interest
- Bad debt
- Impairment
- Income tax

Expensed Purchased Services – (Continued)

9. Purchased repair and maintenance – Include expensed repair and maintenance to buildings and integral building components (e.g., elevators, heating and cooling systems), structures, offices, machinery, vehicles, equipment, and computer hardware. **Exclude** materials, parts, and supplies used for repair and maintenance performed by this firm's employees. Report janitorial and grounds maintenance services in line **13**. 1829

Mark "X" if None ☐

2008 Operating Expenses

Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
$			

10. Purchased advertising and promotional services – Include marketing and public relations services. 1830

Mark "X" if None ☐

Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
$			

Other Operating Expenses

11. Depreciation and amortization charges – Include depreciation charges taken against tangible assets owned and used by your firm, tangible assets and improvements owned by your firm within leaseholds, tangible assets obtained through capital lease agreements, and amortization charges against intangible assets (e.g., patents, copyrights). **Exclude** impairment. 1831

Mark "X" if None ☐

Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
$			

12. Governmental taxes and license fees – Payments to government agencies for taxes and licenses. **Include** business and property taxes. **Exclude** income taxes, and sales and excise taxes collected from customers. 1832

Mark "X" if None ☐

Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
$			

13. All other operating expenses – Report all other operating expenses not reported above, unless specifically excluded in the general instructions at the top of the page. **Include** office postage and package delivery. **Exclude** purchases of merchandise for resale and non-operating expenses. 1899

Mark "X" if None ☐

Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
$			

14. TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES – Sum of lines **1–13**. 1900

Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
$			

6 Not Applicable

7 Not Applicable

8 E-Commerce Revenue

E-commerce includes sales, receipts, and contributions from any transaction completed over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail or other online system. Transactions are agreements between buyers and sellers to transfer ownership of, or rights to use, goods or services. Payment for these goods and services may or may not be made online.

Did the revenue reported in 3 include any e-commerce revenue?

2008 E-Commerce Revenue

	Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
0011 1 ☐ Yes – **What was this firm's e-commerce revenue?** 2000	$			

2 ☐ No – Go to 9

9 Export Revenue

An exported service is a service performed for a customer or client (individual, government, business establishment, etc.) located outside the United States (i.e., outside the 50 States, District of Columbia, U.S. Commonwealth Territories, or U.S. possessions).

Include:

- Services performed for unaffiliated and affiliated foreign firms (i.e., foreign parent firms, subsidiaries, branches, etc.).

Exclude:

- Services provided to domestic subsidiaries of foreign firms.

Did the revenue reported in 3 include any revenue from exports?

2008 Export Revenue

	Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
0009 1 ☐ Yes – **What was this firm's revenue from exports?** 2100	$			

2 ☐ No – Go to 11

10 Not Applicable

11 Change in Structure

Did you have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) change in 2008?

0013 1 ☐ Yes – **Enter the new EIN.** . . . . . 0015 EIN ☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

2 ☐ No – **Continue**

Was there a change in ownership or control?

0018 Month ☐☐ Year ☐☐

0016 1 ☐ Yes – **Provide the date of the change and the firm's information.** . . . . . (for multiple mergers, provide each firm's information as an attachment to this report)

2 ☐ No – **Go to** 12

0017 Name of company acquired or merged with

Street address

City, State, ZIP Code

0019 EIN ☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Specify the nature of this change here →

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12 Remarks – Please provide an explanation for any inconsistent or incomplete data that would aid in understanding this report. For any separate correspondence pertaining to this report, please include the identification number shown in the address label area at the top of the first page.

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13 Certification – This report is substantially accurate and has been prepared in accordance with the instructions.

0020 Name of person completing this report – *Please print*

0024 Title

0025 Date

0021 Address (Street address, City, State, ZIP Code)

0022 Telephone number — Area code | Number | Extension

0023 Fax number — Area code | Number

0026 E-mail address

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General Instructions

- Report data on an accrual basis, except for payroll.
- Dollars should be rounded to the nearest dollar.
- If a figure is $1,030,280,456 it should be reported as →

Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
1	030	280	456

Item Specific Instructions – All Firms

Item 3 – Revenue

Include:

- Report gross billings, **except** where noted elsewhere on the form.
- Dues and assessments from members and affiliates.

Exclude:

- Taxes collected directly from customers or clients and paid directly to a local, state, or federal tax agency.

Instructions for Taxable Firms

Item 3 – Revenue

Include:

- Amounts received for work subcontracted to others.
- For locations that were sold or acquired during a year, only report for the periods that this firm operated the locations.
- Revenue from services performed by domestic locations of foreign parent firms, subsidiaries, branches, etc.

Exclude:

- Rents from and revenue of separately operated departments, concessions, etc., which are leased to others.
- Commissions from vending machine operators.
- Revenue of foreign subsidiaries (those located outside the U.S., i.e., outside the 50 states, District of Columbia, U.S. Commonwealth Territories, or U.S. Possessions).

Instructions for Tax-Exempt Firms

Item 3 – Revenue

Include:

- Program service revenue for services provided in 2008, whether or not payment was received in 2008.
- Gross sales of merchandise minus returns and allowances.
- Income from interest, dividends, gross rents (including display space rentals and share of receipts from departments operated by other companies), royalties, and other investments.
- Gross contributions, gifts, and grants (whether or not restricted for use in operations).
- Commissions earned from the sale of merchandise owned by others (including commissions from vending machine operators).
- Gross receipts from fundraising activities.

Exclude:

- Gross receipts of departments or concessions operated by other companies
- Amounts transferred to operating funds from capital or reserve funds.

Item Specific Instructions – All Firms

Item 5 – Operating Expenses

Line 1 – Gross annual payroll

Include salaries and wages, commissions, dismissal pay, bonuses, employee contributions to Social Security, income tax withholding, union dues, group insurance premiums, savings bonds, cash equivalent in-kind, allowances, holiday pay, vacation pay, sick leave, stock purchase plans, and employee contributions to pension plans. **Exclude** the cost of leased employees, employer's cost for fringe benefits, temporary staff obtained from temporary help services. For unincorporated businesses, **exclude** profit or other compensation of proprietors or partners.

All other operating expenses

Include travel and entertainment; postage, shipping or delivery services, warehousing, and storage services; royalties; security services; janitorial and grounds maintenance services; purchased transportation with operators; and other expenses not reported elsewhere.