



Dear Company Representative:

We are writing to ask you for your help with the U.S. Census Bureau's 2009 **Annual Wholesale Trade Report**. Summary data from this report gives an up-to-date picture of the U.S. economic activity in the wholesale trade sector, and provides the Nation's policymakers and business leaders with measures of this important economic sector.

The Census Bureau is determined to provide the most accurate and useful data possible. To achieve that standard, we need participation from all types of businesses such as yours. We appreciate that completing any report takes time and resources. For this reason, we urge you to view participation not only as a public service, but also as a sensible long-term investment - an investment that returns benefits to you by laying the foundation for sound economic policies and successful business decisions.

Reporting instructions are included on the enclosed form, and estimates are acceptable. You may report via mail, fax, or Internet. Please see the front page of the form for pertinent information concerning each of these options.

This report is **MANDATORY** and must be **returned within 30 days** of receipt. Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225 requires your participation. Section 9 of Title 13 requires that the Census Bureau keep this report **strictly confidential**. Your information is used only to develop summary data that do not reveal the individual activities of your company. Under the same law, information cannot be used for taxation, regulation, or investigation.

If you have any questions or concerns about completing this report please contact the Program Manager, John Miller, directly at 301-763-2758 or toll-free at 1-800-327-4389 (select option 3) weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

**THANK YOU** in advance for making the results of the 2009 Annual Wholesale Trade Report comprehensive, timely, and reliable.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves  
Director  
Enclosures