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The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests your company's participation in the 2006 Survey of Industrial Research and Development that we conduct jointly with the U.S. Census Bureau. This annual survey is the only source of detailed information on U.S. industry's research and development (R&D) performance.

Your company's participation is vital to the accuracy of the resulting information. Because R&D expenditures are concentrated in relatively few companies, a completed response is needed from each surveyed firm—*there is no substitute for the information that you can provide.* Your company can be assured of complete confidentiality. Survey data will be released only in aggregate form so that responses of individual companies cannot be identified.

If you have questions concerning the operation of this survey, please direct them to the Census Bureau at (301) 763-5162. Survey results are made available in an annual report entitled *Research and Development in Industry*. The most recent report, historical reports, and descriptive information about the survey are available on the NSF website at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics>.

Thank you for your assistance in this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arden L. Bement, Jr.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.  
Acting Director