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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable «GOVNAME»
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Dear Governor «GOVLAST»:

I am writing to request that you appoint a coordinator for the *FY 2009 Survey of State Government Research and Development*. The U.S. Census Bureau is collaborating with the National Science Foundation (NSF) to collect research and development (R&D) expenditure information from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. You may recall that your state participated in the FY 2006 and 2007 surveys. Your survey response will be compiled by the Census Bureau and forwarded to NSF, the federal agency charged with collecting and reporting national R&D statistics. These statistics are used to measure states' contributions to our nation's science and technology base, a building block of a strong U.S. economy.

Your state coordinator will have two critical roles. First, we ask the coordinator to confirm the names and contact information for your state departments and agencies that are most likely to contribute to R&D investments. These departments and agencies will receive the web survey questionnaire with five questions about R&D activities, which include both performing and funding R&D. Second, your coordinator serves as the authorizing official for your state's survey response after all departments and agencies complete their survey questionnaires. I am enclosing a copy of the FY 2009 survey questionnaire. An electronic copy is available at <http://harvester.census.gov/nsf/> under Survey Questions and Definitions (PDF).

Please contact Kenny Herrell, Census Bureau project manager for this survey, with your state coordinator selection by emailing kenneth.herrell@census.gov or calling 800-622-6193. For the FY 2007 survey, «MRMS» «CONTACTNAME» served as your state's survey coordinator.

Thank you in advance for your continuing help to complete a picture of our Nation's R&D expenditures by state governments.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director

Enclosure

cc: «CONTACTNAME»