

### Business R&D and Innovation Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun sending companies the “**2009 Business R&D and Innovation Survey**.” Companies are selected randomly by the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of a statistical sample. This year, approximately 42,000 companies were selected out of pool of 2 million. Once a company is selected as part of the “survey cycle,” it is highly likely that the company will be required to provide a survey in each of the subsequent five years.

### Background

This survey is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and used to collect data on the current state of research and development in the U.S. It replaces the former Survey of Industrial Research and Development (‘government IRD report’). The survey covers the following topics:

- > Financial measures of R&D activity
- > Company R&D activity funded by others
- > R&D employment
- > R&D management and strategy
- > Intellectual property, technology transfer, and innovation

These surveys have no relationship to federal or state research tax credit filings, IRS exams or audit cycles, or other federal or state tax filings. They are considered to be confidential by law and immune from legal process, as well as exempt from requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

### Action

These surveys are required to be completed by law under Title 13. Fines are imposed for each unanswered question, as well for providing false information. The standard due date for this form is **March 31, 2010**. Extensions are typically allowed through April 30, 2010. To request an extension, you must provide all information to the Bureau in advance and in accordance with their extension request requirements, including proper ID numbers, which are found on the documents received by each company (including related entities).

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