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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau

Washington, DC 20233-0001
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Company Official,

Your company has been selected to participate in the 2012 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS). The CFS, part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Census conducted every 5 years, provides important statistics about the movement of goods in the United States and how businesses like yours use transportation to ship these goods. These data are used by policy makers and transportation planners to make informed decisions for improving the transportation infrastructure.

The address below is the location for which the CFS will be requesting information:

Company Name 1
Company Name 2
Shipping Address
City, State Zip Code

Information for the CFS will be collected quarterly throughout 2012. To help you prepare for the 2012 CFS, we are including the reporting schedule:

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
01/01/12 - 01/07/12	01/27/12
04/01/12 - 04/07/12	04/27/12
07/01/12 - 07/07/12	07/27/12
09/30/12 - 10/06/12	10/26/12

Approximately two weeks before each reporting period, your company will receive a questionnaire in the mail. When the questionnaire arrives, please complete it and mail it back by the due date. You will also have the opportunity to respond online.

Your responses are completely **confidential** under Title 13 of the United States Code, and are seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information. Your response to these questions is **required by law** - Title 13, United States Code, sections 131, 193, and 224.

For more information, review answers to FAQs at econhelp.census.gov/cfs/faqs or call 1-800-772-7851, option "3", weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau