

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

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REQUEST FOR YOUR RESPONSE

Our records indicate that we have not received your response for the **2016 Small Business Lending Survey** in cooperation with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Please complete the survey online within 10 days using the following information:

Website: https://econhelp.census.gov/sbls

User ID: Password:

Due date: August 10, 2016

If you recently completed the survey, thank you for your assistance and please disregard this letter. If you would like to verify your filing status, please visit the website noted above and use the "Self-Service Login".

The survey addresses banks' small businesses lending relationships and perceived competition and market areas for such lending, as well as other gaps in knowledge with current regulatory data collected from banks. A portion of the survey addresses a statutory **requirement** to determine banks' efforts to bring underserved consumers into the mainstream financial system. Your participation is voluntary, but your responses are necessary, as they provide valuable information for similar banks of your size and within your geographic area.

Visit us online at https://econhelp.census.gov/sbls for additional information about the Small Business Lending Survey, including answers to frequently asked questions, and guidance on who within your organization should be completing each section of this survey. For further assistance, please call our customer help line at 1-800-772-7851, option 7, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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