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The Honorable GOVNAME1 GOVNAME2
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Dear Governor GOVNAME2:

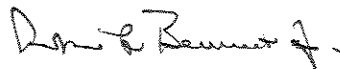
The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Census Bureau are collaborating on the FY 2006 State R&D Expenditures Survey. I am including a letter of support from Governor Janet Napolitano of Arizona in her capacity as Chair of the National Governors Association. In it, she expresses her support for the survey and asks that you join her to make this data-collection effort a success. States' survey responses will be included in the national R&D statistics published by NSF as well as in a special report on the State R&D Expenditures Survey.

To facilitate the data collection process, we are asking that each governor appoint a state coordinator. The state coordinator will provide the names and contact information for each of the departments and agencies that are most likely to fund your state government's total R&D activities. Working with your state coordinator, we will provide each of these departments and agencies with individualized access to the Census Bureau Web based survey. We will also give your state's coordinator Web access to track your state's progress and obtain up-to-the-minute totals for your state's answers to the survey.

To help you make this appointment, we would like to recommend CONTACTNAME in the DEPARTMENT as your state coordinator. Of course, you may also appoint a different state coordinator if you prefer. Please contact James Berry, project manager for this survey at the Census Bureau, with your state coordinator selection by e-mail at james.r.berry.jr@census.gov or by phone at 800-622-6193.

Thank you in advance for your help in completing a picture of our nation's R&D expenditures.

Sincerely,



Arden L. Bement, Jr.
Director

cc: [name and job title of proposed state coordinator]