

# Census Taker

## Internet Data Collection System

***We encourage you to complete the 2006 Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS) by using the Census Taker System.***

### ***Advantages to using the Census Taker System:***

- Improved quality through automatic data checks. It will mean fewer mistakes and fewer follow-up phone calls.
- It will take you less time – you will only have to see the parts of the questionnaire that apply to your establishment.
- Data are saved to the U.S. Census Bureau servers as you complete the questionnaire—you can exit and resume at a later time without losing your data.
- You will have options for a printed or electronic report of your completed questionnaire.
- Help is available with a click of the mouse.

### ***System Requirements:***

- A standard browser with 128-bit encryption—major browsers since 1998.
- A user name and password which the Census Bureau will issue to you.

### ***Data are Secure:***

- Data are encrypted at all times.
- No cookies are used.
- No plug-in download software is required.
- As with all MECS data, the confidentiality is assured by Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Only Census Bureau personnel will be able to view your data.