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The information we collect through our business conditions survey gives us insight into regional economic conditions and industry trends that help to inform our nation's monetary and financial policymakers.

We designed the survey to take only a few minutes of your time. (The average time is 8 minutes.) As a reminder, we do not publicly release individual response information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Q1: Compared to the previous month, local business conditions have

- deteriorated
- stayed the same
- improved

Q2: In the next six months, you expect local business conditions to

- deteriorate
- stay the same
- improve

Q3: Compared to the previous month, the volume of new orders has

- decreased
- stayed the same
- increased
Q4: In the next six months, you expect the volume of new orders to

- [ ] decrease
- [ ] stay the same
- [ ] increase

Q5: Compared to the previous month, shipments have

- [ ] decreased
- [ ] stayed the same
- [ ] increased

Q6: In the next six months, you expect shipments to

- [ ] decrease
- [ ] stay the same
- [ ] increase

Q7: Compared to the previous month, order backlogs have

- [ ] decreased
- [ ] stayed the same
- [ ] increased

Q8: In the next six months, you expect order backlogs to

- [ ] decrease
- [ ] stay the same
- [ ] increase
Q9: **Compared to the previous month, capacity utilization has**

- decreased
- stayed the same
- increased

Q10: **In the next six months, you expect capacity utilization to**

- decrease
- stay the same
- increase

Q11: **Compared to the previous month, vendor lead time has**

- decreased
- stayed the same
- increased

Q12: **In the next six months, you expect vendor lead time to**

- decrease
- stay the same
- increase

Q13: **Compared to the previous month, the number of employees has**

- decreased
- stayed the same
- increased
Q14: In the next six months, you expect the number of employees to

○ decrease
○ stay the same
○ increase

Q15: Compared to the previous month, the availability of employees with the skills needed by your company has

○ decreased
○ stayed the same
○ increased

Q16: In the next six months, you expect the availability of employees with the skills needed by your company to

○ decrease
○ stay the same
○ increase

Q17: Compared to the previous month, the average employee workweek has

○ decreased
○ stayed the same
○ increased
Q18: In the next six months, you expect the average employee workweek to
   o decrease
   o stay the same
   o increase

Q19: Compared to the previous month, average wages at your company have
   o decreased considerably
   o decreased moderately
   o stayed the same
   o increased moderately
   o increased considerably

Q20: In the next six months, you expect average wages at your company to
   o decrease considerably
   o decrease moderately
   o stay the same
   o increase moderately
   o increase considerably

Q21: Looking back, how do average wages compare with this time last year? (percentage change)

Q22: Projecting ahead to the best of your ability, how much do you expect average wages to change over the next 12 months? (percentage change)
Q23: Compared to the previous month, non-wage compensation at your company has

- decreased considerably
- decreased moderately
- stayed the same
- increased moderately
- increased considerably

Q24: In the next six months, you expect non-wage compensation at your company to

- decrease considerably
- decrease moderately
- stay the same
- increase moderately
- increase considerably
Q25: Compared to the previous month, spending on business services (e.g., consulting) has

- decreased
- stayed the same
- increased

Q26: In the next six months, you expect spending on business services (e.g., consulting) to

- decrease
- stay the same
- increase

Q27: Compared to the previous month, total capital expenditures have

- decreased
- stayed the same
- increased

Q28: In the next six months, you expect total capital expenditures to

- decrease
- stay the same
- increase
Q29: Compared to the previous month, spending on equipment or software has
- decreased
- stayed the same
- increased

Q30: In the next six months, you expect spending on equipment or software to
- decrease
- stay the same
- increase

Q31: Compared to the previous month, finished goods inventory levels were
- too low
- correct
- too high

Q32: In the next six months, you expect finished goods inventory levels to be
- too low
- correct
- too high

Q33: Compared to the previous month, raw materials inventory levels were
- too low
- correct
- too high
Q34: In the next six months, you expect raw materials inventory levels to be

- too low
- correct
- too high

Q35: Looking back, how do your input prices (not including labor) compare with this time last year?

- decreased considerably
- decreased moderately
- stayed the same
- increased moderately
- increased considerably

Q36: Projecting ahead to the best of your ability, how much do you expect input prices (not including labor) to change over the next 12 months?

- decrease considerably
- decrease moderately
- stay the same
- increase moderately
- increase considerably
Q37: **Looking back, how do the prices you receive from customers compare with this time last year?**

- [ ] decreased considerably
- [ ] decreased moderately
- [ ] stayed the same
- [ ] increased moderately
- [ ] increased considerably

Q38: **Projecting ahead to the best of your ability, how much do you expect the prices you receive from customers to change over the next 12 months?**

- [ ] decrease considerably
- [ ] decrease moderately
- [ ] stay the same
- [ ] increase moderately
- [ ] increase considerably

Q39: **Looking back, how do your input prices (not including labor) compare with this time last year? (percentage change)**

Q40: **Projecting ahead to the best of your ability, how much do you expect input prices (not including labor) to change over the next 12 months? (percentage change)**

Q41: **Looking back, how do the prices you receive from customers compare with this time last year? (percentage change)**

Q42: **Projecting ahead to the best of your ability, how much do you expect the prices you receive from customers to change over the next 12 months? (percentage change)**

Q43: **Please comment on any factors affecting your business or local economy (e.g., weather, supplier issues, changes in customer preferences), including details about business plans (e.g., capital purchases, hiring expectations).**