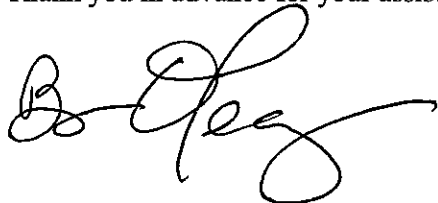# BISG

BLS is currently visiting firms to update the sample of goods and services comprising the monthly PPI data for the book industries. If your company is selected, the Book Industry Study Group (BISG) strongly encourages your participation in this effort.

BISG works to create a more informed, empowered, and efficient book industry. Through its committees, events, and publications, BISG connects the people who work in the book industry with opportunities to help the industry run more effectively and efficiently for the benefit of all. In representing every sector of the book industry, BISG affirms its belief that all industry segments are interdependent and that common problems are best solved through joint effort.

Sound economic policy and successful business planning require reliable, accurate, and timely data. The PPI is one of the nation's primary measures of price change for goods and services produced in the U.S. The PPI program tracks prices for most goods and services produced in the U.S., and the data are published monthly and are available at https://www.bls.gov/ppi/. The quality of PPI data, including that related to the book industries, depends on the number of businesses responding to the PPI survey, so your participation is critical.

Firms selected for participation in the index need only contribute a few minutes per month to provide pricing information on a small selection of transactions. As a survey respondent, you will be assigned an economist who can assist you not only with reporting prices, but also with your questions about PPI data. All data will only be used in an aggregated format so that no individual firm is identifiable. The prices collected from individual businesses will be kept confidential in accordance with the Confidential Information and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA). For more information about participating in the survey, visit https://www.bls.gov/respondents/ppi/home.htm.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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