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Dear CEPCI Users and Chemical Engineering Professionals,

The Chemical Engineering Plant Cost Index (CEPCI) has served as an important tool for chemical process industries (CPI) professionals for cost estimations since 1963. As you likely know, the data used to generate the CEPCI are derived from the Producer Price Indexes (PPIs) produced by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In order to provide CEPCI users with our best data, we rely on the BLS to collect quality data.

BLS is currently visiting firms to update the sample of goods and services comprising the monthly PPI data for the chemical process industries. The editorial team at *Chemical Engineering* magazine encourages you to support the BLS in this effort and participate in its upcoming survey. PPI data inform economic decisions and help to improve the information that our magazine supplies to you.

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 United States, and the data are published monthly and are available at <https://www.bls.gov/ppi>. The quality of PPI data, including that related to chemical manufacturing, depends greatly on the number of businesses responding to the PPI survey, so your participation is critical.

If you are called upon to volunteer, the BLS requests that you contribute only a few minutes per month to provide information on a selection of your firm's 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. The BLS informs us that all data are used for statistical purposes only and are used only in an aggregated form, so no individual firm is identifiable. For more information about participating in the survey, visit <https://www.bls.gov/respondents/ppi>.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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