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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to request your participation in an important study to gather comprehensive information on U.S. undergraduate programs in mathematics.

Since 1965, the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences (CBMS), an umbrella organization to which all our professional mathematics societies belong, has organized a series of surveys funded by the National Science Foundation to profile faculty characteristics and course enrollments in mathematics.

The CBMS survey is especially important for two-year colleges since it is the only survey of its kind for these institutions. Survey results are used at the state and national level in making a data-based case for greater attention to and funding for two-year college programs in mathematics, science, and technology. In addition, colleges often use the results of the survey as benchmarks to assess local conditions in comparison to national patterns.

Your program has been randomly selected as one of 241 across the nation to complete the enclosed questionnaire. It is important that you complete this questionnaire with data that reflects the mathematics program at your **entire** institution, **including all campuses and centers within your institution**. If you have any questions about this directive, or about any aspect of the survey, please contact the Associate Survey Director, Stephen Rodi, either by email (srodi@austincc.edu) or by telephone (512-223-3301).

Participation in this study, of course, is completely voluntary, and all data you provide will be kept strictly confidential. Results will be reported only in aggregate form and individual departments will not be identified. Each participating program will receive an official report containing complete analyses of the national results.

The success of this effort depends on your response. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire by *October 15, 2005* and return it in the enclosed self-addressed postage-paid envelope to the University of North Carolina Survey Research Unit.

In advance, we thank you for your help in this important project. All of us working on the CBMS survey appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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