## Sample CFSEC Diffusion Index Questionnaire

Reference month: January 2000

- 1. How do you expect U.S. economic activity to change over the next year? Compare January with January 2001.
  - o Large increase
  - o Medium increase
  - o Small increase
  - o No change
  - Small decrease
  - o Medium decrease
  - o Large decrease
- 2. How did demand for your firm's goods or services change in January? Compare January with December 1999, ignoring seasonality.
  - Large increase
  - o Medium increase
  - o Small increase
  - o No change
  - o Small decrease
  - o Medium decrease
  - o Large decrease
- 3. How did your firm's employment change in January? Compare January with December 1999, ignoring seasonality.

	Large	Medium	Small	No	Small	Medium	Large
	decrease	decrease	decrease	change	increase	increase	increase
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higher skilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower skilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- 4. How do you expect your firm's employment to change over the next year? Compare January with January 2001.
  - o Large increase
  - o Medium increase
  - o Small increase
  - o No change
  - o Small decrease
  - o Medium decrease
  - o Large decrease

5. Did your firm purchase new structures, equipment, or intellectual property (software, product R&D, or artistic originals) in January?

	None	Small purchase	Medium purchase	Large purchase
Overall	0	0	0	0
New structures	0	0	0	0
New equipment	0	0	0	0
New intellectual property	0	0	0	0

- 6. If you purchased new capital, did it increase your firm's capacity?
  - o No change
  - o Small increase
  - o Medium increase
  - o Large increase
- 7. How do you expect the pace of your firm's capital expenditures to change over the next year? Compare January with January 2001.
  - o Large increase
  - o Medium increase
  - o Small increase
  - o No change
  - o Small decrease
  - o Medium decrease
  - o Large decrease
- 8. How did labor costs per hour change in January for your firm? Compare January with December 1999, ignoring seasonality.

	Large	Medium	Small	No	Small	Medium	Large
	decrease	decrease	decrease	change	increase	increase	increase
Overall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higher skilled workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower skilled workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

9. How did nonlabor costs per unit change in January for your firm? Compare January with December 1999, ignoring seasonality.

	Large decrease	Medium decrease	Small decrease	No change	Small increase	Medium increase	Large increase
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Overall	O	O	O	0	O	O	<u> </u>
Raw materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Energy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shipping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regulations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0