Dear business manager:
Thank you for participating in Statistics Canada's Survey on Financing of Small and Medium Enterprises. We will use your answers to produce statistics that will help the federal government to improve policies and programs designed to promote small and medium businesses.

As one last step in this survey exercise, we require some basic financial data for your firm. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and fax it back to Statistics Canada according to the instructions provided at the end of the form.

Please be assured that Statistics Canada will keep your responses to this survey strictly confidential. We will not be releasing information to anyone - including other government departments - that would directly or indirectly reveal information relating to your individual company.

We hope we can count on your co-operation. Preliminary survey results will be available from Statistics Canada (www.statcan.ca) and Industry Canada (strategis.ic.gc.ca) in the fall of this year.

Should you have any questions, please contact our survey operations staff toll-free at 1866 257-4406.

Yours sincerely,


Robert Lussier


Director
Small Business and Special Surveys Division

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# Survey on Financing of Small and Medium Enterprises 2000 

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- English
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Please correct pre-printed label information if necessary:

| Legal Name | 0002 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Business Name |  | 0003 |
| No. \& Street | 0005 | Province |

## Survey Introduction

The Government of Canada has launched an initiative to produce a complete set of statistics on the financing of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

As part of this initiative, Statistics Canada is surveying small- and medium-sized enterprises from across the country to find out what kinds of debt and equity financing they use, and to collect information on any recent attempts to obtain new financing. The survey results will be provided to Industry Canada as part of an on-going study on the financing of SMEs.

By law, Statistics Canada is required to keep your answers confidential and to use them strictly for statistical purposes. Only aggregate data -- such as totals and averages -- that do not reveal information relating to individual companies will be given to Industry Canada and the general public.

To minimize reporting burden, Statistics Canada may access financial information reported by your business to the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) and link this information to your survey responses. The CCRA data will be used strictly for statistical purposes and the CCRA will not be given access to the responses of this survey.

Your participation in this voluntary survey will be important to the accuracy of the survey results.

## Important Instructions

1. This questionnaire should be completed by the person who is most familiar with the financing of the business.
2. Answers provided should relate to the consolidated operations owned and controlled by this business in Canada.
3. Please return the completed questionnaire within 15 days of receipt.
4. If you require additional information, please call 1866 257-4406 and quote the survey identifier on the label above.

## Reporting Period

Q1. Financial data reported on this questionnaire should relate to the business' FISCAL PERIOD that ended PRIOR TO MARCH 31st, 2001. Please indicate the start and end dates for this period.


## Legal Status and Ownership

Q2. What was the legal status of the business at the end of the fiscal period?
${ }^{003}$
Mark ONE only

$)^{2}$ Incorporated, publicly-held


Unincorporated sole proprietorship


Unincorporated partnership


Unincorporated joint venture

Q2.1 If privately-held corporation, indicate percentage of owners' equity held by:

| The business manager(s)/operator(s) |  | 004 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Friends or relatives of the business |  |  |
| manager(s)/operator(s) |  |  |


| Private investors from Canada <br> who are unrelated to the firm or <br> its owners | 007 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\%$ |  |

("angel" investors from Canada)

| Private investors from outside <br> Canada who are unrelated to <br> the firm or its owners | 008 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\%$ |  |

("angel" investors from outside Canada)


Q3. Indicate the following financial data for the fiscal period specified in Q1.
Round to the nearest dollar and report in Canadian funds.


Q4 Of the total liabilities reported in question Q3, how much was owed in the form of:

1. Loans, mortgages, lines of credit or other debts from chartered banks, excluding credit cards

| \$ | $1.00$ | Specify name(s) of institutions included | 1. | 0341 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2. | 0342 |
|  |  | in this amount (ex: Royal Bank, | 3. | 0343 |
|  |  | Canada Trust, CIBC, National Bank) | 4. | 0344 |

2. Loans, mortgages, lines of credit or other debts from credit unions or caisses populaires, excluding credit cards

| \$ | $1.000^{035}$ | Specify name(s) of institutions included in this amount (ex: Desjardins) | 1. | 0351 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2. | 0352 |
|  |  |  | 3. | 0353 |
|  |  |  | 4. | 0354 |

## 3. Credit card amounts outstanding

| \$ | 1.00 | Specify FULL name(s) of cards | 1. | 0361 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | included in this amount (ex: Royal | 2. | 0.362 |
|  |  | Bank Visa, Bank of Montreal | 3. | 0363 |
|  |  | Mastercard, Sears credit card) | 4. | 0364 |

4. Credit obtained from crown corporations, federal, provincial or community lending programs
\$ $\qquad$
037
.00
Specify name(s) of institutions or programs included in this amount (ex: Business Development Bank, Alberta Treasury Branch)
5. 
6. Lease obligations included as liabilities on the balance sheet
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038 Specify types of equipment/assets being leased (ex: computers, manufacturing machinery, vehicles)
\$
.00
7. Loans from individuals included as liabilities on the balance sheet
\$
, $1.000^{039}$ Specify types of individuals included in this

0392 Friends of business owners
${ }^{0393}$ Business owners
$0^{0394}$ Other individuals

## 7. Trade credit owing to suppliers

| \$ | . 00 | Specify types of equipment/assets purchased on credit (ex: computers, manufacturing machinery, vehicles, inventory) | 1. | 0401 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2. | 0402 |
|  |  |  | 3. | 0403 |
|  |  |  | 4. | 0404 |

8. Other liabilities showing on the balance sheet but not included in items 1 through 7 above

| \$ | $\left.1.00\right\|^{041}$ | Briefly describe the sources and amounts included | 1. | ${ }^{0411}$ \$ | 1.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2. | ${ }^{0412}$ \$ | . 00 |
|  |  |  | 3. | ${ }^{0413}$ \$ | . 00 |

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## Profile of Liabilities Outstanding at Fiscal Period End (cont'd)

Q5 Please verify that:


## Financing of Business During Fiscal Period

Q6 For each source of financing listed below, indicate:

1) Whether it was a source of funds used to finance the business during the fiscal period.
2) If YES, how important it was to keeping the business in operation (during the fiscal period).

NOTE: Include any source used, regardless of whether it was authorized or obtained in a prior year.

|  | 1 <br> Source of funds during fiscal period? |  |  | $2$ <br> Level of importance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | YES | NO |  | MPORTANT | IMPORTANT | IMPORTANT |
| Commercial loans or lines of credit from banks, credit unions, caisses populaires or other financial institutions |  | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $0^{2}$ | 064 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $0^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Commercial credit cards | 049 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 065 | $5 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Government lending agencies/grants | 50 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 066 | $6 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc 3$ |
| Retained earnings | 051 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 067 | $7 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Trade credit owing to suppliers | 052 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 068 | $8 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Leasing | 053 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 069 | $9 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Loans from employees | 054 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 070 | $0 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Personal savings of business owner(s) | 055 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 071 | $1 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Personal lines of credit of business owner(s) | 056 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 072 | $2 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Personal credit cards of business owner(s) | 057 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 073 | $3 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Personal loans to business owner(s) | 058 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 074 | $4 \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Loans from friends or relatives of business owner(s) |  | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 075 | $\bigcirc \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Loans from individuals unrelated to the firm or its owner ("angels") | 060 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $0^{2}$ | 076 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Investments from individuals unrelated to the firm or its owner ("angels") |  | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 077 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Factoring (sale or transfer of accounts receivable) | 062 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 078 | $8 \bigcirc \bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |
| Other sources of financing used during fiscal period (Specify) | 063 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $\bigcirc^{2}$ | 079 | $\bigcirc^{1}$ | $0^{2}$ | $\bigcirc^{3}$ |

Q7 How did the current owners take possesion of the business?
${ }^{080}$ Mark one only

| $\bigcirc^{1}$ Bought/acquired from a family member | $\rightarrow$ Skip directly to survey conclusion (page 7) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\bigcirc^{2}$ Bought/acquired from a non-family member | $\rightarrow$ Skip directly to survey conclusion (page 7) |  |
| $\bigcirc^{3}$ Started from scratch | $\rightarrow$ Continue with question Q8 |  |
| $\bigcirc^{4}$ Other (Specify) |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Q8 When did the business first start selling products and services?
${ }^{081}$ Mark one only
${ }^{1}$ During the year 2000
$\bigcirc^{2}$ During 1999
$0^{3}$ During 1998
${ }^{4}$ During 1997
${ }^{5}$ During 1996
$\bigcirc^{6}$ Prior to 1996
Skip directly to survey conclusion (page 7)

Q9
...can be skipped if you answered PRIOR TO 1996 in Question Q8.
For the sources of financing listed below, indicate:

1) Whether the source was used to finance the START-UP of the business PRIOR TO THE FIRST SALE OF PRODUCTS OR SERVICES
2) For those sources that were used, indicate how important each was to the start up of the business.


## Thank you for your co-operation

A. Please indicate the name and contact information for the person who was primarily responsible for filling out this form.

B. Return your completed questionnaire to Statistics Canada by fax to: 18888590376

IMPORTANT NOTE: Statistics Canada advises you that there could be a risk of disclosure during the facsimile or other electronic transmission. However, upon receipt of your information, Statistics Canada will provide the guaranteed level of protection afforded all information collected under the authority of the Statistics Act.

The questionnaire can also be mailed to:
Operation and Integration Division
Statistics Canada
Main Building - Room 1205, 761-3874
120 Parkdale Ave.
Ottawa, ON
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C. Any comments you have regarding this questionnaire can be noted in the space below.

