*The Technology Partnership Office (TPO) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is conducting a retrospective economic impact assessment of NIST’s Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) program (1996-2017). The survey and analysis is being conducted by RM Advisory Services on NIST’s behalf.*

*This economic impact assessment will help us understand the**effectiveness of NIST program in cryptography that stakeholders understand (return-on-investment) and will be a source of program management “lessons-learned.” Your response will help NIST improve its future industry-supporting programs.*

*We hope you take time to respond to this request and help NIST determine how its contributions support the nation’s (indeed, the world’s) information security infrastructure. Neither NIST nor any government agency will receive the raw survey data. All survey data will be interpreted and reported ONLY in aggregated form, as averages and ranges. No individual person, individual agency or company, or a unit thereof will be discernable.*

*The survey will take approximately 35 minutes to complete. To begin, click here:* <https://www.research.net/r/NIST-AES-economic-impact-study>*. We hope to have your completed response not later than April 9, 2018.*

*Thank you in advance for your support,*

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