

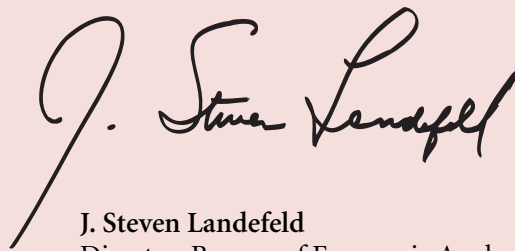
## **Director's Message**

As the new year approaches, I'd like to reemphasize our commitment to presenting our statistics in plain language and easy-to-read formats as well as in more technical presentations. We've also tried to make it easier for our customers to access and download our statistics interactively. The SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS, both the traditional printed publication and the online version, has been a big part of our efforts.

Over the past 12 months, we've made some improvements to the SURVEY. We've taken steps toward integrating our interactive data features with our traditional data presentations. We've enhanced our online SURVEY search engine. We've made our articles more Web friendly. And we've continued to publish *BEA Briefings* and *Research Spotlights* that explain important services and research in a less technical fashion.

We look forward to the new year. There are many initiatives underway that will result in new products and services from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. As always, the SURVEY will be a prime tool in communicating these developments to our users.

We appreciate your comments and questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Steven Landefeld". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "L".

J. Steven Landefeld  
Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis