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Comments Received:

I support the removal of the Academic Libraries survey component from IPEDS. With limited funds and staffing, NCES should focus the data collection within IPEDS on the core purposes of collecting information about postsecondary institutions, student accessm, enrollment, and outcomes, and the necessary administrative areas that supports postsecondary education activities. While academic libraries provide a needed service to support student learning, much of the information collected within the survey represents information that could be included in the Human Resources survey (full- and part-time staff) or the Finance survey (expenditures). A separate survey component for one specific unit is unusually specific.