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“In a new Duke University/CFO Magazine Business Outlook survey, 308 chief financial officers at U.S. corporations said they are less bullish about the economy in 2005.

The survey, concluded on Dec. 5, indicated that the executives are particularly concerned about health-care costs and operating in an increasingly competitive economic environment. They also rank the budget deficit and Iraq at the top of a list of items President Bush should focus on during his second term.”