



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

April 24, 2013

The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sanchez:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the concerns of the Orange County Women's Business Center (WBC) hosted by the Rancho Santiago Community College District Foundation (RSCCDF).

On receipt of your letter, we called Mr. Enrique Perez, Foundation Director, to discuss the matter on April 10, 2013. During this call, we explained to Mr. Perez that RSCCDF's proposal to operationally place the WBC under the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Small Business Development Program (SBDC) was not feasible because both the WBC and SBDC programs are Federally funded and the federal funds cannot be used to match against other Federal funds.

In our discussion, we also explained that for this year, there would still be time to submit a request for a match waiver, which would allow SBA to partially waive the match requirements. We sent Mr. Perez the procedures to request a match waiver. We are committed to working with RSCCDF to ensure that we can continue to provide WBC services in Orange County.

We appreciate your support of SBA, the California women small business community, and the Women's Business Center Program.

Sincerely,

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