

June 27, 2013

The Honorable James Risch  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Risch:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) cosponsored activities, Fee-Based and Non-Fee Based SBA-Sponsored Activities, gifts to the Agency, activities sponsored by SBA using non-appropriated funds, and financial outreach not explicitly mandated by the Small Business Act, from January 1, 2010 to present.

We have enclosed information on SBA's cosponsored activities and gifts to the Agency since January 1, 2010. For cosponsored activities, we include date, location, general description of the activity, estimated number of attendees, estimated cost of the activity, and list of cosponsors. For gifts, we include date, district or program office receiving the gift, description of the gift, and value of the gift as determined by the donor. The SBA has not conducted any Fee-Based or Non-Fee Based SBA-Sponsored Activities as outlined in 13 CFR Part 106 during the relevant timeframe.

The Committee also inquired about any activities sponsored in full or in part by SBA using non-appropriated funds. The SBA's only means to sponsor a non-Federal activity is through its cosponsorship authority. Accordingly, the enclosures reflect activities conducted by SBA pursuant to the Small Business Act.

Pursuant to § 4(h) of the Small Business Act, SBA reports twice a year, through the Office of Inspector General, on use of its cosponsorship and gift authority. The reports are sent to Congress in April and October each year. The information from our April 2013 report is enclosed. We will, of course, provide you with our October 2013 report and all 2014 reports.

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If you and your staff have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Nick Coutsos, Assistance Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, at (202) 205-6335.

With warmest regards,

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