



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

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The Honorable John P. Sarbanes  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sarbanes:

Thank you for your recent inquiry to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in regards to the Maryland Women's Business Center. We are aware that this center is seeking funding to become an SBA Women's Business Center (WBC).

The SBA recently had an open funding opportunity to establish an SBAWBC in the state of Maryland. This funding opportunity closed on July 31, 2013. My staff is currently conducting a thorough review of all applications submitted. Because of the limited funding available to open new centers, we are anticipating making one award within the state of Maryland. We will notify all applicants of our decision on their individual application. We will also be pleased to notify your office once a center has been selected.

We appreciate your support of SBA and the Maryland small business community. If you and your staff have additional questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

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