



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

August 17, 2015

The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Blunt:

Administrator Contreras-Sweet asked me to respond to your recent letter regarding BioSTL's request for assistance in improving their proposals for the Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative Services Program.

In keeping with the regulations set forth in the Federal Acquisition Regulation Section 15.506, the contracting officer provided, upon BioSTL's request, with a telephone debriefing on the evaluation of its offer under solicitation SBAHQ-14-R-0007, Regional Innovation Clusters Initiative Services on October 30th, 2014. No additional information or feedback shall be provided with regard to BioStl's proposal submission under this solicitation.

The Regional Innovation Clusters contract solicitation, SBAHQ-15-R-0015, is a funding opportunity offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to support the growth and development of existing clusters across the country. The SBA believes that investing in regional innovation clusters will increase opportunities for small businesses and lead to job creation and economic growth.

All contract proposals submitted on or before the due date of August 4, 2015, are being evaluated. Because this particular solicitation is still open, SBA cannot provide any additional information to possible offerors at this time. Successful contractors should expect to receive awards within approximately 45 days from the solicitation closing date. Notification for all contract awards will be posted at FedBizOpps.Gov and on the SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/clusters>.

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

Sincerely,

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for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development