



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

September 1, 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 of support for the Regional Innovation Clusters proposal submitted by BioSTL.

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. 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 and your staff have any questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

Tameka Montgomery
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for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development