



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

August 5, 2015

The Honorable Cory A. Booker
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Booker:

Administrator Contreras-Sweet has asked me to respond to your recent inquiry to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in regards to the Latin American Economic Development Association, Inc. (LAEDA). We are aware that the LAEDA is seeking funding to become an SBA Women's Business Center (WBC).

The funding opportunity to establish an SBA WBC in the state of New Jersey closed on June 18, 2015. 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 New Jersey. 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 New Jersey 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,

Erin Andrew
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