



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

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The Honorable Thad Cochran
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cochran:

Thank you for your recent inquiry to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in regards to Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District (SMPDD). We are aware that the SMPDD is seeking funding to become an SBA Women's Business Center (WBC).

The funding opportunity to establish an SBAWBC in the state of Mississippi 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 Mississippi. 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 Washington 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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