

August 22, 2012

The Honorable John B. Larson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Larson:

Administrator Mills asked me to respond to your recent letter of support for the Regional Innovation Clusters contract proposal submitted by the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc. (CCAT).

The Regional Innovation Clusters contract solicitation, # SBAHQ-12-R-0013, 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.

The contract proposals have been received, and the review and selection process has begun. 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 the SBA and the Connecticut 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,

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