



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

October 15, 2012

The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

Administrator Mills asked me to respond to your recent letter of support for the Regional Innovation Clusters contract proposal submitted by Life Sciences South Florida (LSSF).

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 selection process has completed. Notification for all contract awards have been posted at FedBizOpps.Gov.

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

Sincerely,

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Associate Administrator
for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development