



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

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The Honorable Jack Reed
United States Senator
One Exchange Terrace, Room 408
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1773

Dear Senator Reed:

Administrator Contreras-Sweet has asked me to respond to your recent letter in support of the Chafee Center for International Business at Bryan University in Rhode Island.

On April 20, 2014, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued a program announcement OIT-STEP-2014-01 regarding funding assistance under the State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program. We are in the process of reviewing the applications we received. We will give each application full consideration in accordance with the selection criteria listed in the program announcement.

We appreciate your support of SBA and the Rhode Island 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,

Luz Hopewell
Deputy Associate Administrator