



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

October 4, 2012

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Schultz:

Administrator Mills asked me to respond to your recent letter of support for the Regional Innovation Clusters contract proposal submitted by Florida International University (FIU) on behalf of 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](http://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