



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

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The Honorable Patrick Toomey
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

Administrator Contreras-Sweet has asked me to respond to your recent letter in support of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Office of Internal Business Development.

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 Pennsylvania 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