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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Dr. James A. Tegnalia  
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Defense Threat Reduction Agency  
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Dear Dr. Tegnalia:

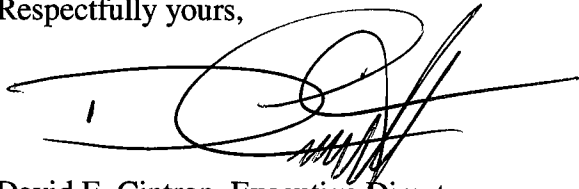
Small businesses are the bedrock of America's competitiveness and essential to our nation's economic infrastructure. The mission of the Association for Small Businesses in Technology (ASBT) includes assuring small businesses fair Federal contracting opportunities and increasing the market share for small competitive companies in America. I am writing to convey the interests of ASBT constituents that have contacted our association regarding the Defense Threat Reduction Agency contract (DTRA01-02-F-0190). This contract is due to expire on June 14 and no RFP has been released making clear the next actions to re-compete this Federal procurement.

The previous contract was awarded as a competitive small business set aside using the Federal contract vehicle COMMITS NexGen (Commerce Information Technology Solutions Next Generation): A solutions-based Government Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) that is valuable for ordering technical services from high quality small businesses. Our main interest is to ensure that DTRA maintains this contract as a competitive small business set aside for capable firms to compete and accomplish.

Further, it is important that DTRA Program Managers support President Bush's commitment to small businesses that affirms contract practices to be fair, efficient and transparent so that they have the opportunity to strengthen their position in the Federal procurement market place. Furthermore, if DTRA decides to remove this contract from the full competitive small business set aside program then we would like to arrange a meeting with you to find out the reason for this decision, and determine which contract DTRA will identify to replace this program for small businesses.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share the concerns of the ASBT members on this issue. I look forward to working with your agency and members of Congress to ensure a strong role for small business in Federal procurement programs. If you have any questions about the content of this letter please contact me at (703) 946-8099, or by email [David.Cintron@cintrongroup.com](mailto:David.Cintron@cintrongroup.com).

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David E. Cintron', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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The Hon. John F. Kerry, Chairman, Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
The Hon. Nydia M. Velazquez, Chair, House Committee on Small Business