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Ms. Marilyn Marton
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Ms Marton:

I am the Chairman of the Board for Small Businesses in Technology, Inc. a national organization that is a member of SUMMIT group of small and minority business representing thirty thousand small disadvantaged businesses. We are in the process of arranging an appointment with the acting administrator, Mr. Schieck to discuss the fact that major contracts that were once small businesses or 8 (a) in the last decade have been moved by your agency to open competition for large corporations which does not protect the interest of small business companies. An example of this is the work for USAID IRM that was formerly performed by Executive Resource Association, Software Control International and THE CENTECH GROUP, all small business firms who performed admirably and received significant number of high performance ratings from your agency.

We will be coordinating a meeting with the Senior Bush Administration and seek your cooperation to meet with you to go over the last three years' statistics of past performance of small disadvantaged, women owned, and 8(a) businesses contract results to make sure Senior Bush officials have the agency's correct performance information.

Further concern, is the present contract to support PRIME 2.2 and the new contract PRIME 3.2 that opposes SRA's competition based on its contractual limits. Particular interest coming from your office is the leadership at this time around USAID aggressively contracting to small businesses, disadvantaged businesses and 8(a) businesses as prime contractors. The mission was to ensure more small disadvantaged business got a fair share in direct contract work at USAID, not totally dependent on sub-contracts as many prime corporations are indeed not faithful in being consistent in fulfilling their sub-contract plans.

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I would appreciate it if you would call me or my colleague at your earliest convenience to arrange a meeting to discuss the coordination of different groups working on this matter and to ensure your office works hand in hand with small businesses as mandated, to ensure that we have the correct information and a clear understanding of your personal leadership on important topics. Therefore we can be sure administration and The Hill are working with the latest most accurate information that you can provide.

Sincerely,

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