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The Honorable John P. Murtha  
Chairman  
Defense Appropriations Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable C.W. Bill Young  
Ranking Member  
Defense Appropriations Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman and Congressman Young:

Thank you for your support of the Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP), which is funded and administered through the Defense Logistics Agency's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. Given the program's increasing demands, we respectfully write to request your support of \$29,900,000 in the FY2010 Defense Appropriations Bill and Report. This is consistent with the FY2009 funding level.

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) help create jobs across America. With over 250 local offices in virtually every state, PTACs are a nationwide network of dedicated procurement professionals who provide critical assistance to small businesses seeking to participate in Defense Department and other federal, state, and local agency procurement contracts. PTACs help generate new suppliers for the federal government – resulting in more jobs, a stronger industrial base, greater competition, higher quality goods and services at lower cost, and a more prudent expenditure of taxpayer dollars. PTACs are also a resource for small businesses to obtain information and training on new acquisitions procedures, specialized solicitations, and federal contracting information.

Our economy stands at a historic crossroads. In response, the government is spending more than ever before, PTACs help American businesses compete for these dollars and, in turn, create jobs.

Acquisition workforce reductions, increased transparency, and greater scrutiny of government contracts have increased the demand for PTAC services to train small businesses how to navigate the federal procurement process so they can submit legitimate and successful bids. PTACs offer a wide array of services for small businesses – most at no charge – on every phase of government contracting including, one-on-one counseling sessions, classes, seminars, and matchmaking events, among others.

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