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Dear Dr. Unnam:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the 2006 Region III Prime Contractor of the Year for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Your hard work, innovative ideas, and dedication to your community have made you a success in your business and SBA is pleased to be able to recognize you for these achievements. As President Bush has often said, "America's small businesses are the engine that drives our economy." You can be proud of the role you are playing in our Nation's robust economic growth.

Each year since 1963, the President has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week. National Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their personal achievements and contributions to our Nation's economy. This year, the celebration will honor an estimated 25 million small businesses in America. Small businesses represent more than 99 percent of all employers, provide 75 percent of the net new jobs, and generate a majority of American innovations.

As regional Prime Contractor of the Year, you are invited to represent your region and your business during Small Business Week in Washington, D.C. These events have been scheduled for April 12-13, 2006.

One outstanding entrepreneur is named to represent each of the ten Federal regions. From this group, the National Prime Contractor of the Year is chosen.

SBA has planned a program that should prove to be interesting, educational and enjoyable.

Again, congratulations on this recognition of your success. I look forward to meeting you during Small Business Week 2006.

Sincerely,

Hector V. Barreto
Administrator