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Ms. Debbie Ridgely
Director
OSDBU, Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Health
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Dear Ms. Ridgely:

As the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program official for your agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is writing to inform you of recent legislative developments affecting the authorization of the SBIR Program. The SBIR Program provides vital funding to our nation's small business innovators as part of the federal government's research and development efforts.

As you may know, the SBIR Program was originally set to expire on September 30, 2008. However, S. 3029, which temporarily extends programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, was signed into law by the President on May 25, 2008 (P.L. 110-235). SBA has determined that P.L. 110-235 includes all programs authorized under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. Therefore, your Agency's responsibilities for the SBIR Program will continue uninterrupted until March 20, 2009.

Thank you for your continued support of the SBIR Program. If you have any questions regarding the authorization of this program, please contact Edsel Brown, Director, Office of Technology at (202) 205-7343.

Sincerely,

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