

MD SBDC Recognized for Translating SBA Form 641 into Spanish



(Steve Umberger, DD, presents Marisela Villamil, Business Counselor with the MD SBDC Capital Region, with a Certificate of Appreciation.)

A recognition reception was held on December 10th in College Park, Md. to show appreciation for the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Capital Region's translation of SBA Form 641 into Spanish. Mrs. Marisela Villamil, a business counselor at the MD SBDC Capital Region, noticed that many of her Spanish speaking clients were uncomfortable completing a government form in English. With assistance from her fellow staff members, she expertly translated the SBA's Form 641, Request for Counseling, into Spanish. The Spanish version of the form has been approved by the SBA for national use, enhancing the SBA's outreach efforts to Hispanic communities nationwide.

Stephen D. Umberger, District Director of the SBA Baltimore District Office, and Antonio Doss, Director of the SBA's Office of Small Business Development Centers, and Jean Smith, Deputy Director of the SBA's Office of Small Business Development Centers, were on hand for the ceremony. Steve offered Certificates of Appreciation to Mrs. Villamil and the MD SBDC staff and Antonio delivered a Letter of Appreciation from the Agency.