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VIA FACSIMILE: 703/693-2576
ORIGINAL VIA U.S. MAIL
The Honorable Edward C. Aldridge, Jr.
Under Secretary of Defense
for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
Department of Defense
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Washington, DC 20301-0310

Dear Under Secretary Aldridge:

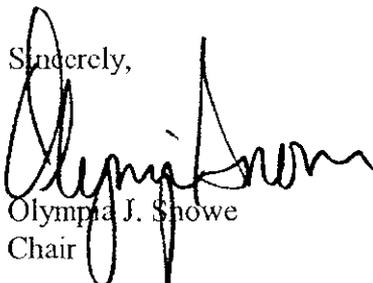
On May 16, 2001, a memorandum entitled "Memorandum for Secretaries of the Military Departments Directors, Defense Agencies," regarding the Small Business Program was issued by you. That memorandum outlined the Department of Defense (DoD) goals to sustain Small Business Program performance improvement. Specifically, the memorandum stated, in pertinent part, the following:

"The Secretaries of the Military departments and Directors of Defense agencies will report to me on a semi-annual basis. Additionally the USD (AT&L) will report to the Deputy Secretary of Defense twice a year on DoD's Small Business Program accomplishments."

As Chair of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I have a vested interest in federal agencies' small business programs. Therefore, I am requesting that you provide me with a copy of each of the semi-annual reports that you have received. Also, please provide to me the name of each Defense agency(ies) that failed to receive a satisfactory rating, including but not limited to the basis for their respective failure and those actions taken to improve their less-than-satisfactory rating. Additionally, please provide copies of the semi-annual reports that the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) has sent to the Deputy Secretary of Defense regarding DoD's Small Business Program accomplishments.

Thank you for your attention to this request and we would appreciate receiving this information no later than February 21, 2003. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Nancyellen Gentile, Professional Staff Member of the Small Business Committee, at 202-224-

Sincerely,



Olympia J. Snowe
Chair