



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20416

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The Honorable David N. Cicilline  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cicilline:

Administrator Mills has asked me to respond to your recent letter requesting an update on the U. S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) efforts to fulfill the requirements of Section 5167 of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2012. Section 5167 requires agencies that make more than \$50 million in awards through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs to submit to the Administrator (SBA) documentation of their efforts to strengthen and expand manufacturing in the United States.

In evaluating the statute and the awards made by the SBIR/STTR agencies, SBA has determined that the following agencies are required to submit the Section 5167 manufacturing information: Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation.

To get out in front of this new reporting requirement (October 1, 2013 deadline), SBA has made it a point having relevant discussions on the matter during recent calls with agency SBIR/STTR Program Managers. Also, the Agency has updated the online "Annual Report Form" that agencies submit to SBA on March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, and has added a new section of the report to include the Section 5167 information. Since this section is new, SBA is currently working with agencies to compile the information for Fiscal Year 2012. We anticipate compiling the required information ahead of the October 1, 2013, deadline.

We appreciate your continued support of the SBA and the Rhode Island small business community. If you and your staff have any questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

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