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Dear Federal Government Representative:

I am delighted to invite you to attend an exciting and informative forum entitled "***Homeland Security Issues & Opportunities Symposium – Exploring the Future of Homeland Security for the 21st Century and Beyond***" sponsored by the Philadelphia Regional Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration which will take place on **April 14, 2004, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, in Washington, DC. Over 300 small businesses providing homeland security related products and services are expected to attend this event.

This event will feature morning workshops on a variety of homeland security related issues, including: the status and development of policy and standards for the acquisition of bio-defense and aviation and border security, methodologies for developing and sustaining superior defense systems, and mechanisms to protect civil liberties.

The Honorable Tom Ridge, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security is among the invited speakers.

The afternoon ***Matchmaking Forum*** from **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** will be a primary feature of the symposium. Your participation in this forum is needed! You will have an opportunity to meet with small businesses in 15 minute one-on-one meetings. The meetings will provide an excellent opportunity for you to learn about the capabilities of each small business and for the small businesses to obtain information on contract opportunities within your organization. This format has been very well received by procurement representatives and small businesses at previous events. Your contribution of time is key to the success of this portion of the symposium. We hope we can count on you to attend!

This event is free for all attendees. Please complete the enclosed registration form and fax to the number provided. Registration information is also available by visiting www.sba.gov/region3. Should you have any questions, please contact John Campbell at john.campbell@sba.gov or (215) 580-2767. We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allegro F. McCullough".

Regional Administrator, Region 3
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Enclosure

