



**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416**

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Mr. David Allen, President  
Howell Laboratories, Inc.  
188 Harrison Road  
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Dear Mr. Allen:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as the 2013 Region I Subcontractor.

Each year since 1963, the President has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week. This year we are especially excited to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Small Business Week.

National Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their personal successes and contributions to our nation. As you know, more than half of Americans who work either own or work for a small business.

Your hard work, innovative ideas, and dedication to your community have helped you succeed. The SBA is pleased to recognize your achievements and your role in driving our nation's economic growth.

Again, congratulations on your selection.

Warm Regards,

John Shoraka, Associate Administrator  
Office of Government Contracting and  
Business Development