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RE: Support for Proposal to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative Services

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for your proposal to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to further develop the BlueTech cluster in the San Diego region.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy, which is a natural contributor to the region's BlueTech economy and vice versa. The organization achieves this by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region.

As you well know, the BlueTech industry represents an important and growing economic sector in the San Diego region. Under your leadership, The Maritime Alliance was formed in 2007 to focus on this dynamic sector and is the organizer of the San Diego BlueTech cluster, which is recognized to be the largest such cluster in the U.S. and one of the largest in the world.

Cleantech San Diego also applauds your efforts to support workforce development, through your OceanSTEM program, which is critical to attract, educate and retain the skilled BlueTech workforce of tomorrow.

We are proud to be an advocate for The Maritime Alliance and the San Diego BlueTech cluster proposal. Please let us know how we can participate and support this effort.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson
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