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Re: Letter of Support for The Brink Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the University of San Diego (USD) for the EDA SFS Grant Opportunity Number: EDA-HDQ-OIE-2018-2005523

MISSION:

To accelerate
clean technology
innovation and
adoption of sustainable
business practices
for the benefit of
the economy and
the environment

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for The Brink Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) proposal for the EDA grant opportunity referenced above.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based trade association that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. As a nonprofit organization, we achieve 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. Our members include more than 110 local businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy and the environment.

If awarded, the grant will be used by The Brink SBDC to support the planning and execution of the San Diego Angel Conference (SDAC). The main purpose of SDAC is to provide a way to transform high-net-worth individuals into active angel investors by supplying a very low-cost and hands-on way for novice investors to increase their skills and build confidence to become active angel investors. At the conclusion of this annual series, participating investors will have the experience and confidence to increase their participation in seed funds that exist in the San Diego region.

Cleantech San Diego is proud to support The Brink SBDC's proposal. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego