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To accelerate  
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for the benefit of  
the economy and  
the environment

Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz)  
1325 J Street, Suite 1800  
Sacramento, CA United States

**RE: Small Business Technical Assistance Expansion Program (TAEP)  
Opportunity Number: CASBTAEP2018**

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 to Go-Biz to expand their business advising and training services.

The Brink SBDC provides an innovation-focused array of no-cost support services to entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout San Diego and Imperial counties. The Brink SBDC's top priority is to empower small business creation and growth to achieve job creation and retention, capital investments, and dynamic innovation. Over the last two years, the SBDC Network has provided service to over 3,000 small businesses, resulting in \$80 million in increased sales, 700 new jobs, and access to over \$50 million in capital.

The Brink SBDC's proposal will allow the center to expand and provide more business advising, training, and outreach to small businesses in its service area.

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.

Cleantech San Diego is proud to support The Brink SBDC's proposal for funding from Go-Biz and we look forward to working with them to support the growth of small businesses in the San Diego region. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Jason Anderson  
President and CEO  
Cleantech San Diego