

August 31, 2004

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Office of the Governor
Constituent Affairs
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn: CPR Commission

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I wanted to thank you for having a performance review of the operations of our state government done. I am glad the California Performance Review acknowledged the excellent work of the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program. Our company has greatly benefited from the training and counseling received from the Small Business Development Center in Bakersfield. The SBDC has helped us with business and strategic planning. The council we have received from the SBDC has helped us refine our direction and eliminate parts of our business that were not successful. Every year several of our employees have been able to take part in training seminars sponsored by the SBDC. The annual seminar on employment practices has been especially helpful.

I truly believe that every dollar spent on the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program and especially the Small Business Development Center returns multiple dollars to the state through taxes paid by more effectively run and profitable companies. Because of the help that our company has received we now help sponsor SBDC events and I now volunteer my time to sit on the SBDC Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Richard Davies
President
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