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Mr. Tom Elam
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Dear Mr. Elam:

On this sixth anniversary celebrating the establishment of the Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE), I want to thank you and your colleagues throughout the network of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) for the support you have provided to the Federal Veterans Entrepreneurship Program. Yours was the first organization to create a formal partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide training, counseling and support to veterans in business. That first step helped secure the future of CVE. Since then, we have expanded to provide even more services to veterans who are launching a business or moving into the Federal marketplace.

Recently, I had the opportunity to testify before the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. In my remarks (page 2, paragraph 3), I expressed appreciation for the work by PTAC personnel to help owners and contracting officers make awards to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs). What is not noted in the testimony was the exchange during questions and answers in which I noted that PTACs are fundamental to the success of small business owners who are seeking Federal work. The services that you and your PTAC colleagues provide to owners are very important to all of us.

I look forward to renewing our partnership agreement next month at your National conference and also to working with you this next year to create new opportunities for veterans in business.

Sincerely,

Scott F. Denniston
Director

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