



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

July 20, 2009

Mr. Jerome Gonzales
JG Management
President
336 Main Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

Congratulations! On behalf of Administrator Karen G. Mills and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive the ***Regional Minority Small Business Person of the Year Award for Region VIII***. This award will be presented during the Annual National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conference, which will be held August 26 – 28, 2009, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20008.

This year's Conference marks the 27th year that SBA has joined the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency as a partner to highlight the achievements of minority-owned businesses. This year's theme is "***Energizing the American Economy with Minority Business Enterprises***".

As an award recipient, you will receive a personal complimentary full conference registration package. The full conference registration package includes; educational sessions, workshops, business expo, exhibit table, meal functions, White House Reception, SBA Administrator's Luncheon, Awards Gala and a private pre-gala reception. A ticket for your spouse is also provided for every event.

As the recipient of the award for **Region VIII**, your photo and bio will appear in the MED Week 2009 Commemorative Program, (along with all of this year's MED Week winners), which will be distributed during the National MED Week Conference to more than 800 attendees.

Your award will be presented to you on Friday, August 28, 2009, at the Black Tie Awards Gala in the hotel's Regency Ballroom. In addition, a room will be reserved for you at the Omni Shoreham Hotel at a reduced rate.

Enclosed you will find MED Week conference materials. Additional information about the Conference may also be obtained by visiting: www.medweek.gov. Tina Johnson, National MED Week coordinator, will contact you to discuss your participation and to



answer any questions you may have. Ms. Johnson can be reached at (202) 205-7976 or via e-mail to: Tina.Johnson@sba.gov.

We congratulate you on this special recognition and we look forward to meeting and congratulating each of you personally at this year's National MED Week celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JG Jordan', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Joseph G. Jordan.
Associate Administrator
Office of Government Contracting
and Business Development

cc: Regional Administrator
District Director