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California High-Speed Rail Authority
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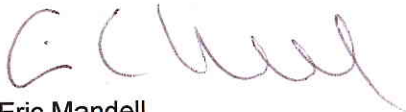
Dear Mr. van Ark:

On November 9, 2011, the Department of General Services (DGS) held the twelfth annual State Agency Recognition Awards (SARA). The SARAs honor those state departments and employees, which, because of their best practices, creativity, and outstanding achievements, advance California's Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) programs. Your department staff works hard for the Small Business and DVBE community and the accolades are few.

I ask that you please personally congratulate your staff for achieving **both** the Most Notable Improvement for Small Business contracting (Medium Department), with a 6.44 percent increase, and Most Notable Improvement for DVBE contracting (Medium Department) with a 27.09 percent increase.

Again, congratulations to the staff of the California High-Speed Rail Authority! Mark your calendar for 2012; we will hold the SARA event on Wednesday, November 14, at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

Sincerely,



Eric Mandell
Acting Small Business Advocate, Governors' Office of Business and Economic Development and Chief, Office of Small Businesses and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Services