



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
ACQUISITION AND GRANTS OFFICE

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Re: MBDA Award Number MB21OBD8050197: MBDA Business Center – New Mexico

Dear Ms. Jaramillo,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Department of Commerce (the “Department”) will cease funding for Award Number MB21OBD8050197, through the Minority Business Development Agency (“MBDA”), pursuant to Section 200.340 of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 C.F.R. Part 200), which govern this award of Federal financial assistance. This letter is in furtherance of a “Notice of Grant Termination” letter, dated April 17, 2025, that you may have received from MBDA, which terminated your award effective April 17, 2025.

Pursuant to the applicable version of 2 C.F.R Section 200.340 – *Termination*, “The Federal award may be terminated in whole or in part ... [b]y the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, to the greatest extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.” As part of efforts to streamline and reduce the cost and size of the Federal Government, the Department is reprioritizing funding and staff to support only those activities directly related to its current programmatic goals and mission priorities. After careful review of this award, the Department has determined that this Business Center’s activities neither effectuate these undertakings nor advance the Administration’s objectives. Specifically, the Department is changing its approach to the MBDA business center structure to reduce redundancies with other Federal agency programs and to gain efficiencies. Using federal funds to support the current number of centers does not align with the priorities of this Administration and diverts resources from more practical and cost-effective solutions. Here, time and resources can be better and more efficiently utilized to effectuate the statutory mandates of the Minority Business Development Act.

To this end, and as provided above, your award was terminated on April 17, 2025; therefore, should you decide to continue project activities beyond April 17, 2025, you do so at your own risk and will not be reimbursed for any project costs incurred after that date. You will be notified in writing concerning close-out instructions for this award.

Respectfully,

Acting Director  
NOAA Grants Management Division

<sup>1</sup> The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements in effect at the time of your award were issued August 13, 2020. See 85 Fed. Reg. 49,506 (August 13, 2020).