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Dear Friends,

Supporting business development has been a priority of our agencies for many years. Subsequently, our differing agencies of government have developed varying programs that provide support for the creation, growth and support of businesses. These business incentive programs are varied and utilize a number of approaches and methods to encourage business development.

Unfortunately recent news of troubled financial markets and the growing threat of an economic downturn prompted us to synthesize an innovative collaboration of representatives from different agencies. Our collaborative group would serve to strengthen and bolster our respective program's capacity for reaching businesses with the to hope that enhanced dissemination of our resources may offset the harm felt by businesses in a slowing economy.

This guide contains information on the business incentive programs from every level of government, from city to federal. Information on loan programs to increase the availability of financial capital for businesses, tax credit programs that ease the tax burden and allow business to be more profitable, and technical assistance programs which offer a range of solutions for issues pertaining to business operations.

This one of kind product has been created to direct businesses to the wide range products offered from various agencies of government. We hope you will find this comprehensive guide useful and are able to utilize the many different programs available for businesses.

Kind Regards,

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