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Subject: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement  
Amendments to the DoD Pilot Mentor Protégé Program

References: 48 CFR Part 219 and Appendix I to Chapter 2  
DFARS Case 2004-D028

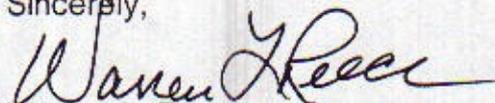
Dear Ms. Tronic:

The Boeing Company has completed a review of the referenced interim rule which extends the DoD Pilot Mentor Protégé Program for an additional five years and expands the Program to allow Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and Historically Underutilized Business Zone Small Businesses to participate as protégé firms.

Boeing supports the interim rule as written. However, we encourage and recommend that the DoD consider adding language, in the formation of the final rule, to also permit HBCU/MIs to participate as protégé firms. If implemented, this subsequent rule change will provide further incentives for DoD contractors to partner with HBCU/MIs to develop new technologies (etc.) and allow increased HBCU/MI participation on government contracts. Boeing welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the DoD Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization to develop specific language which addresses our recommendation.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning the above comments, please contact Mark Olague at (253) 773-2173 or Priscilla Jones at (206) 544-8580.

Sincerely,



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