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Mr. Avinash Rachmale
President & CEO
Lakeshore Engineering Services, Inc
7310 Woodward Ave. Fifth Floor
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Dear Mr. Rachmale:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the 2009 Entrepreneurial Success Award.

Your hard work, innovative ideas, and dedication to your community have made you a success in your business. SBA is pleased to recognize you for these achievements. You can be proud of the role you are playing in our Nation's economic recovery.

Each year since 1963, the President has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week. National Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their personal successes and contributions to our Nation. This year, SBA will honor the estimated 27.2 million small businesses in America; they represent more than 99 percent of all employers, provide 60 to 80 percent of the net new jobs, and generate a majority of American innovations.

As an award winner you are invited to attend the National Small Business Week celebration to be held in Washington, DC, May 17-19, 2009 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

SBA has planned a series of events that should prove to be interesting, educational and enjoyable. You will soon receive additional information about National Small Business Week 2009.

Again, congratulations on your selection and I look forward to meeting you in May.

Sincerely,

Darryl K. Hairston
Acting Administrator