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**PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION MAKES INVESTMENT IN SMALL
BUSINESSES**

***MA Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Announces Technical Assistance
Grants at MACDC Lobby Day***

BOSTON -Tuesday, April 6, 2010 Continuing the Patrick- Murray Administration's efforts to support small business growth in Massachusetts, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki today announced during the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC) 2010 Lobby Day that the Massachusetts Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (OSBE) has awarded \$600,000 in grants to 25 community-based, non-profit organizations throughout the state that provide assistance and advisory services to small businesses, and will match these awards in the Fall of this year thanks to a contribution from MassDevelopment. Thanks to this partnership, these organizations will be able to continue with their programming throughout the year without uncertainty.

The Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program was established in 2005 as part of a statewide effort to stimulate and support entrepreneurial business growth in the state. These programs typically assist businesses with 20 or fewer employees. Through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development's partnership with MassDevelopment, a quasi-public lending institution, the Technical Assistance program was able to secure funds for fiscal year 2010, enabling non profit organizations to preserve and strengthen their technical assistance programs.