

**Amendment
Of the
Partnership Agreement
Between
The U.S. Small Business Administration
and
The U.S. Department of Energy**

I. PURPOSE

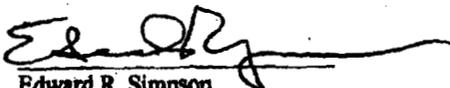
This amendment is issued pursuant to Section VII of the Partnership Agreement between U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Energy. The amendment will extend the term of the current Partnership Agreement. All other terms and conditions of the Partnership Agreement remain unchanged.

II. TERMS

Section VI is hereby amended to change the expiration date. The expiration date of the current Partnership Agreement is hereby extended until January 29, 2010 or until the new Partnership Agreement is accepted by both agencies, whichever comes first.

III. ACCEPTANCE

As provided under the authority of the Partnership Agreement, the undersigned parties, on behalf of their respective agencies hereby accept the terms and conditions of this Amendment.



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