October 8, 2020

Ms. Mary Waters  
Deputy Commissioner for International Trade  
Georgia Department of Economic Development  
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Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Ms. Waters:

It is my privilege to inform you that the Georgia Department of Economic Development has been selected to receive the President’s “E Star” Award for Export Service in recognition of your organization’s achievement in making continuing significant contributions to an increase in U.S. exports. This well-deserved award is the highest honor given to providers of services to U.S. exporters.

Your organization received the President’s “E” Award for Exports in 1975, and now the President’s “E Star” Award for Export Service three times (2007, 2014, and 2020), a feat not achieved by any other entity in the 59-year history of the program.

The Georgia Department of Economic Development has demonstrated a sustained commitment to export expansion. The “E” Awards Committee was very impressed with your organization’s achievement of more than 1170 client trade successes since receiving the President’s “E Star” award in 2014. The organization’s participation in more than 63 trade missions and shows was also particularly notable. The Georgia Department of Economic Development’s achievements have undoubtedly contributed to national export expansion efforts that support the U.S. economy and create American jobs.

George Tracy, of the Atlanta U.S. Export Assistance Center, was pleased to support your award application and will assist you with any questions you may have with regard to the 2020 President’s “E” Award. Congratulations on this exceptional achievement.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Ross