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December 9, 2008

U.S. Small Business Administration
Dennis Wengert, District Deputy Director
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Dear Mr. Wengert:

This letter serves as one of support for Ms. Debra Brazell as the 2009 U.S. SBA Women Business Champion Award. Debra is a role model in the business community for all women of all ages. Her excellence in business and community involvement has enhanced the overall standing of Fernley, Nevada as a place to do business.

Debra is President of HydroTech, Inc. and has overseen the company's growth into a multi-million dollar enterprise. Her leadership has given the company a superb reputation. The company has received a number of awards; including, this years Star Award for Outstanding Safety from NAVFAC Southwest. Furthermore, she is a licensed Class A General Engineering Contractor and has received outstanding CCASS ratings

Debra was the President of the Fernley Incorporation Committee for five years. In this role, she was the leader in the effort to get Fernley incorporated as a city in 2001. This incorporation enhanced the community's ability to build a stronger business community, provide better managed public services, and it increased the resident's overall quality of life.

Debra is also involved in various other community roles. She is an advocate for the community of Fernley to resolve the Truckee Canal water crisis from the 2008 flooding and she is an advocate for Fernley's irrigation issues. She is leading the effort to establish the Federal Surplus Property Program in Nevada with the intention of further enabling minority business owners.

Debra is an example of a noble business woman who steps outside of her personal interests to enable others to achieve their goals. She has a unique ability to solve problems, lead others, and is a person of integrity. She is deserving of the SBA Women Business Champion Award and I'm sure you would be proud to have her as the recipient.

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Debra is a lifelong Nevadan and has established deep roots in her community. She has used her role to enhance the quality of life for her fellow citizens. Her efforts have created opportunities for the community to grow and business to prosper. I feel she is more than qualified for this recognition and I look forward to her continued civic work and her role in Northern Nevada's business community.

I thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dean Heller
Member of Congress



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December 12, 2008

U.S. Small Business Administration – Nevada District
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RE: 2009 US SBA Women Business Champion Award

Dear Mr. Wengert,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support of Debra Brazell for the nomination of the *2009 US Small Business Administration Women Business Champion Award*. I have known Debra for many years having worked together on Robert Seale's campaign when he successfully ran for the State Treasurer's seat.

Debra is unquestionably a "Women Business Champion." She strongly supports women's issues and is a role model and advocate for women everywhere. She is a successful businesswoman and a community leader who reaches outside her own interests to encourage and support other business owners. Her efforts while leading the Fernley Incorporation Committee demonstrate her effectiveness in improving the environment for the creation and expansion of businesses in the Fernley area. Fernley is the fastest growing community in Nevada, in large part because of her vision and her dedication to improve and restructure the local government. Her actions effectively created hundreds of jobs in Nevada.

She is a person of integrity and is extremely deserving of your consideration and would be an exceptional addition to your list of outstanding recipients of the *US Small Business Administration Women Business Champion Award*. I welcome this opportunity to recommend Debra to your committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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Brian K. Krolicki
Lieutenant Governor

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RE: 2009 US SBA Women Business Champion Award

Dear Mr. Wengert,

This letter is written in support of Debra Brazell for her nomination as the 2009 US SBA Women Business Champion Award.

I have worked with Debra's Company on several federal contracts. I have observed her to be an outstanding example as a Woman Owned Business and as a contractor. She is organized, dedicated, and sincere in her approach. She has fostered team spirit in her company. Her work crews respect her and reflect an outstanding work ethic in her company. The workers "go the extra mile" in support of their government contracts.

Even as a subcontractor working with a difficult prime contractor on a federal contract, I found Mrs Brazell to be a stand-up contractor; level headed; and determined to finish the job, in spite of difficult issues. Her example as a woman in business is exemplary and renews all our faith in the role of women business owners within the federal contracting community.

I highly recommend Debra for the US SBA Women Business Champion Award; she is a women business champion!

Sincerely,

Marlan Snodgrass
Marlan Snodgrass
CONTRACTING OFFICER

December 7, 2008

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RE: 2009 US SBA Women Business Champion Award

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Debra Brazell for the SBA Women's Business Champion Award. Debra has had a distinguished career as a business leader and champion advocate of women in business and her community.

She is the President of HydroTech, Inc., and is an example to women everywhere for competing in a generally male dominated industry, and respected for being successful in her endeavors. Her achievements as a contractor are noteworthy; she is a Class-A General Engineering Contractor, and her company had received numerous outstanding ratings on job performance including outstanding federal CCASS ratings. This year, her company earned the Star Safety Excellence Award, a prestigious and coveted recognition of "Outstanding Safety Performance" from NAVFAC Southwest. Safety is and, should always be, the top priority in the construction industry; this award affirms her ongoing commitment to the safety of her employees.

Debra is a sincere advocate of women's issues. She employs many women, and strongly supports equal opportunity.

Debra has been involved with the community as an advocate as well. She was successful in her 1997 drive to save the cottonwood trees of Fernley's Farm District, preserving the area's natural appeal in the process. She also formed the Fernley Incorporation Committee and served as the President of the Committee for five years. Her vision and dedication were the driving force behind Fernley's incorporation in 2001. Presently, she has been an advocate for the Fernley community to resolve the Truckee Canal water crisis related to the recent 2008 flooding and irrigation issues.

Congressman Dean Heller nominated her in 2002 for the "Nevada Woman Role Model" Award which is certainly a notable and honorable recognition.

Debra is a champion of business, women in business, community, and she has proven to be a worthy nominee for the SBA's distinguished recognition. Your consideration of her is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Jim Grogan

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December 11, 2008

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Re: Debra K. Brazell, President, HydroTech, Inc.
2009 US SBA Women in Business Champion Award

Dear Mr. Wengert:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation for the nomination of Debra Brazell, owner of HydroTech, Inc., for Woman Business Champion for 2009.

Debra received her US SBA 8(a) status in 2007. She has shown a strong desire to grow her company and willingly venture into major new arenas such as, government contracts. Debra has been an advocate for women as minority business owners in the construction industry.

I have been the Certified Public Accountant for HydroTech, Inc., and Debra K. Brazell for 6 years and have prepared her business and personal tax returns and financial statements. During some tough times, that could have meant the end of her business, I have observed Debra's resourcefulness, tenacity, strong leadership skills, business knowledge and ability to thrive, in a male dominated industry. Her company emerged from difficult challenges showing a consistent pattern of growth and prosperity. HydroTech, Inc. has grown into a multi-million dollar, successful and respected enterprise.

Debra is the President of HydroTech, Inc. which was incorporated in 1997. Debra and HydroTech, Inc. are highly regarded in the business and professional community. She is a licensed Class A General Engineering Contractor, and certified DBE/WBE by Nevada Department of Transportation and Caltrans. Her company has received numerous outstanding ratings on job performance including outstanding CCASS ratings. This year, her company earned the Star Award for Outstanding Safety from NAVFAC Southwest.

Debra is currently leading the effort to establish the Federal Surplus Property Program in Nevada so that other state agencies and other 8(a) firms can utilize and benefit from this Federal program.

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She is a tireless community advocate and successfully formed the Fernley Incorporation Committee and served as the President of the Committee for five years. Her vision and dedication were the driving force behind Fernley's incorporation in 2001 creating local governance and opening the door for the entire community in business, commerce and improved quality of life. The growth of the community is a testament to the success of that project. She also was successful in 1997 in her drive to save the cottonwood trees of Fernley's Farm District, preserving the area's natural appeal in the process. She has advocated for the Fernley community to resolve the Truckee Canal water crisis related to the recent 2008 flooding and ongoing irrigation issues.

Debra is an effective leader who is well known, and respected, for her passion in the advocacy of women and women's rights. She promotes and supports women and their causes. She elevates and empowers other women that she employs, her associates in the business world and in her community.

It is with pleasure, and without reservation, that I highly recommend Debra Brazell as 2009 US SBA Woman Business Champion.

Sincerely,

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Peter W. Umphress, CPA

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RE: 2009 US SBA Women Business Champion Award

Dear Mr. Wengert,

Please accept this letter as support for Debra Brazell in her nomination as the 2009 US SBA Women Business Champion Award. As a businesswoman, community leader, and an advocate for woman causes, Debra exemplifies all the qualities of a women business champion.

Debra is highly regarded in the business community for successfully operating her construction company. She is an example to women everywhere for daring to enter this male dominated industry – and to be so successful at it. She has taken her start-up business and grown it into a multi-million dollar venture. I have observed her interest in other women-owned business community as a whole, and her interest is not solely for individual personal advancement. She employs many women, and openly supports elevated positions and progression for women.

She actively supported regulatory action designed to help small business when she organized the Fernley Incorporation Committee. She spent years encouraging and organizing the community to bring the issue before them for vote – her diligence and determination changed her community and the business climate of this small community for the greater good. She has opened unending financial opportunities to other businesses, including women owned businesses in Northern Nevada. After the City was organized, the community flourished with construction and commerce. New opportunities for all were to be had; WalMart, Lowes, Black Bear Dinner, and numerous other small businesses including fast food restaurants, filled the Fernley community; Bank of America just opened their new facility a month ago.

Many others who worked with Debra have caught her spirit and vision of business and community. Her enthusiasm is contagious. She continues her community advocacy with her recent work involving community advocacy to find solutions for the badly needed repair of the Truckee Canal levy which broke and caused devastating flooding to many Fernley residents.

I am pleased that she asked me to write you this letter. She is worthy of your consideration for this award. She is a Woman Business Champion.

Best Regards,

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LeRoy Goodman
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December 8, 2008

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RE: 2009 US SBA Women Business Champion Award

Dear Mr. Wengert,

I am writing this letter both as a private citizen of Fernley and as City of Fernley, City Counsel Elect; in support of Debra Brazell for the nomination of the US SBA Women Business Champion Award.

Debra and I have worked together on numerous projects for the Fernley Community and for the Northern Nevada Business Community. She is an outstanding example a woman business leader. She has actively supported legislative and regulatory actions designed to help small businesses and she has a special interest in the success of other women in business.

When she recognized the growth coming to Fernley, and the possible negative effects of this uncontrolled growth, she took action and single-handedly organized the Fernley Incorporation Committee to develop a petition to circulate among residents of Fernley to bring the issue of incorporation to a vote. Her efforts were directed toward the betterment of the community, and outside of her own individual personal advancement. Her efforts were effective; and now through the success of these projects, many businesses, including women businesses are benefiting from the improved business opportunities, and quality of life in Fernley and surrounding areas. She continues her effective community activism and is now working toward resolving the Truckee Canal water issues in Fernley, including the flood and irrigation issues.

Debra has worked in her church as the leader of the Young Women program, and helped to mentor many young women to develop their talents and to understand their individual worth and their ability to contribute. Her influence in their lives have made a difference.

Debra's spirit and vision for her business and community - especially for the women business community is contagious. Her enthusiasm permeates any group or organization she comes in contact with as well as any individual. She is friendly and understanding, yet very sure of her course of action when dealing with the public; people want to follow her.

I am proud to stand up in support for Debra's nomination of the US SBA Women Business Champion Award. She is truly a Women Business Champion deserving of this recognition.

Sincerely,



Don Parsons
City of Fernley
City Counsel Elect