

EXHIBIT 1
Ten Reasons to Love Small Businesses

- 10** Small businesses make up 99.7% of all U.S. employers.
- 9** Small businesses create more than 50% of the American nonfarm private gross domestic product (GDP).
- 8** Small businesses produce nearly 14 times more patents, per employee, than large businesses.
- 7** The more than 24 million small businesses in the United States are located in every community and neighborhood.
- 6** Small businesses employ 50.1% of U.S. nonfarm private-sector workers.
- 5** Home-based businesses account for 53% of all small businesses.
- 4** Small businesses represent 97% of U.S. exporters and produce 26% of all export value.
- 3** The United States saw an estimated 580,865 new small businesses (with employees) start up in the last year.
- 2** There are approximately 4,115,900 minority-owned businesses and 6,492,795 women-owned businesses in the United States, and almost all of them are small businesses.
- 1** The latest figures show that small business creates 65% or more of America's net new jobs.

Source: Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration, "Ten Reasons to Love Small Business" (www.sba.gov).

Note: The Office of Advocacy defines a small business for research purposes as an independent business having fewer than 500 employees. SBA loan programs and procurement programs have size standards specified by the agency, often based on either employees or sales. For example, a wholesaler is small if it has 100 employees or less.