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Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick  
The United States Trade Representative  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D.C. 20508

Subject: WTO's Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA)

Dear Ambassador Zoellick: **Ba**

I am writing in response to your January 28, 2005 letter requesting agreement from Utah to extend to Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru our commitment to conduct our procurements in accordance with the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Government Procurement which insures fairness, transparency, and objectivity and does not discriminate against other members of the WTO.

Our current laws governing state government procurement provides for the transparency and fairness to these other nations contemplated by your request. Therefore, based upon our current laws, I feel comfortable in agreeing that Utah would extend the same non-discriminatory procurement treatment that we currently extend to the current WTO member countries. Of course, I do not have the ability to commit future legislatures, or future administrations to our current non-discriminatory procurement policies.

Please accept my best wishes for success in your negotiations with these nations. We appreciate your efforts to provide enhanced access to foreign markets for Utah produced products.

Sincerely,

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.  
Governor

*You make us proud!*

cc: Douglas G. Richins, Utah Division of Purchasing