



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Edward Kostenski
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nationwide Equipment Company, Inc.
11950 New Kings Road
Jacksonville, FL 32219

Dear Mr. Kostenski:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Nationwide Equipment Company has been selected to receive the President's "E" Award for Exports in recognition of your organization's outstanding service contributions to the increase of U.S. trade abroad.

I am very pleased to recognize the achievements of Nationwide in opening up new markets around the world for its products. Nationwide's growth in export sales demonstrates how U.S. small businesses can succeed in global markets with no small measure of innovation and determination. The story of your company is truly an American success story, and I am pleased that you found the services of the U.S. Department of Commerce helpful in your efforts.

John McCartney, Director of our Miami U.S. Export Assistance Center, will contact you to arrange an official announcement, news releases, and a presentation ceremony. Congratulations on your exceptional achievement.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Evans", written over a printed name.

Donald L. Evans