

November 6, 2017

The Honorable Mark Green Administrator U.S. Agency for International Development 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20523

Dear Administrator Green,

With our December 5, 2017, annual Development Conference now less than a month away, I hope that we can soon tell our members that you have accepted our earlier invitation to speak at the event. Our twin themes for the event are "The Role of Development in National Security" and "The Importance of Data Transparency in Development".

These themes dovetail with your <u>November 1, 2017, testimony</u> before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs. As the president of a trade association representing more than 400 American private-sector businesses who work with and for the federal government, I was particularly pleased to hear you say that you wanted to move "…towards true collaboration with the private sector."

The member companies of PSC's Council of International Development Companies continually apply innovative thinking in the development and deployment of programs that tackle problems in the areas of food, water, sanitation, health, economic growth, governance and security sector reform. These companies – which represents thousands of American jobs both here and abroad – look forward to meeting with you at our conference, so that we may begin to define and implement that "true collaboration" that you mentioned.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: PSC Invitation of August 25, 2017

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