

From: [Brater, Jonathan \(MDOS\)](#)
To: [Parker, Victor](#); [Sempertequi, Juan M.](#)
Subject: RE: SBA Detroit Office Visit...
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 9:40:00 AM
Attachments: [MOA- NVRA Designated Federal Agency 9.14.23.docx](#)
[URL MOU MDOS and SBA.docx](#)
[Background Sample MDOS- ED 76.pdf](#)

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Detroit, MI 48226

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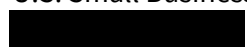
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Thank you for your email and taking the time to meet with me while I was in Michigan. We are going to take one more review of the updated MOA/IAA, the appendix, and collateral documents. Once our team reviews the updates, we will circle back to set up a meeting to discuss next steps.

If you have any questions in the interim, please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for the follow-up.

Best,
Victor

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To: [Sempertegui, Juan M.](#); [O'Loughlin, Kate R.](#)
Cc: [Schaar, Meghan \(MDOS\)](#); [Lillie, Erin \(MDOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:02:22 PM
Attachments: [MOA- NVRA Designated Federal Agency 10.24.23 .docx](#)
[URL MOU MDOS and SBA 10 24 23.docx](#)

See attached current working drafts. Thank you for your patience!

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
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We prefer to wait until next week when you have a draft you're comfortable with. Thanks!

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Thank you for following up and sorry for the delayed response! We are working on adding some info from last week's call and will circulate an updated draft early next week. If you would prefer to see a

draft now, I can send you the one we are currently working on with the understanding we will have some tweaks. Please let me know if you'd like that!

From: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Jonathan: It was great to meet you during the call last week. Could you send me a copy of the most current working version of the MDOS/SBA MOU? I can't locate a copy in my inbox.

Thanks,

Kate R. O'Loughlin

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To: [Kudelko, Karen](#); [Adams, Zaneta Inez](#)
Cc: [Osher, Daniel](#); [Brater, Jonathan \(MDOS\)](#); [Schaar, Meghan \(MDOS\)](#); [Weber, Zach](#); [Grill, Erik \(AG\)](#); [Parker, Victor](#); [Aqipay, Geraldine S. \(Geri\)](#); [Hammond, Thaddeus D.](#)
Subject: RE: Michigan: Voter Registration State Executive Directive
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023 10:58:42 AM

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Good morning,

Thank you, I just advised my team yesterday that we should be hearing something very soon.
Thank you for the update.

Have a good day,

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To: Henderson, Laketa L. <Laketa.Henderson@sba.gov>; Adams, Zaneta Inez <Zaneta.Adams@va.gov>
Cc: Osher, Daniel <OsherD@michigan.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Weber, Zach <WeberZ@michigan.gov>; Grill, Erik (AG) <GrilleE@michigan.gov>
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We will be in touch as details get finalized in the coming weeks, so please loop in others into this chain that you'd like to be updated as plans get finalized.

Thank you all for your partnership and hard work leading up to this exciting moment, we can't wait!

Best,
Karen

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Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 6:08:27 PM

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Sounds good. Please keep me updated as we want to make sure we stay coordinated as we work to finalize our MOU. We are pretty close but need to make sure we've got everything approved in time for whenever you are hoping to announce.

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Wonderful thanks Jennifer! It's great to be connected with you. I'm actually looping in Daniel Osher in our Governor's office who is leading work on this Executive Directive. We are currently gathering more details on this end, as I believe our timing may have shifted. But I'll loop back with more to come as soon as we have it.

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Hi Karen and Jonathan,
Wanted to see if we could touch base about the voter registration briefly this week re timing of

announcement etc.

Karen – I don't think we've met previously but I oversee SBA's field offices. I think you may have met Victor, my deputy, or Laketa our Michigan District Director.

I'm free Thursday 11:30-1pm or Friday 9:30, 11-12:30pm if anything in there works.

Thanks,
Jen

Jennifer Kim (she, her)
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Thank you all for your partnership and hard work leading up to this exciting moment, we can't wait!

Best,
Karen

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Cc: [Schaar, Meghan \(MDOS\)](#); [Lillie, Erin \(MDOS\)](#); [Kim, Jennifer I.](#); [O'Loughlin, Kate R.](#); [Parker, Victor](#)
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:52:59 PM
Attachments: [MOA- NVRA Designated Federal Agency 10.24.23 - SBA Edits Incorporated.docx](#)
[URL MOU MDOS and SBA 10 24 23 - SBA Edits Incorporated.docx](#)

Thank you! We are good with these changes. I have accepted them. We will need the SBA contact/signatory info where indicated in highlight (I also highlighted a track change which I believe was a typo). If SBA is good with these versions I believe we can finalize and sign.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU


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Jonathan,

Attached are proposed edits to the MOUs for your consideration. Let me know if you'd like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks!

Juan

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Yes, we expect the VA will be included in the upcoming directive, along with some updates to the list of state of Michigan agencies that serve as NVRA agencies.

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:25 PM
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Hi Jonathan,

We are trying to move this along. Is the VA going to be included as well? Also can you share anything about other initiatives that will be included? Happy to jump on the phone if easier.

Thanks,
Jen

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Update: According to the Governor's office we will need the agreement signed by this Thursday (12/14) to be included in the upcoming directive next week. If that is not possible, it could be included in a future directive. Happy to discuss!

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Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
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Thanks! I believe the Governor's office is planning an executive directive December 18 or later that week designating new NVRA agencies in Michigan. If it's possible to finalize the interagency agreement/MOU before then, I think SBA could be included in the upcoming directive.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:39:46 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Jonathan,

Looping in Jen and Victor. Can you provide more details on the roll out plan?

Thanks!

Juan

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It looks like there may be an executive directive coming from the governor within the next two weeks. Are you free in the next couple days touch base and see if we can finalize these before then? If so I can set up something. Thank you!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
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See attached current working drafts. Thank you for your patience!

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

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We prefer to wait until next week when you have a draft you're comfortable with. Thanks!

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Thank you for following up and sorry for the delayed response! We are working on adding some info from last week's call and will circulate an updated draft early next week. If you would prefer to see a draft now, I can send you the one we are currently working on with the understanding we will have some tweaks. Please let me know if you'd like that!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM
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Jonathan: It was great to meet you during the call last week. Could you send me a copy of the most current working version of the MDOS/SBA MOU? I can't locate a copy in my inbox.

Thanks,

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Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 4:41:00 PM

Thank you!

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Here you go!

“Supporting Veterans includes making sure they can participate in our democratic process by voting,” said **Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tanya Bradsher**. “Veterans fought for the rights and freedoms that define us all as Americans, and we are proud to be working with the state of Michigan to make sure they can enjoy those rights and freedoms here at home.”

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Thanks, Karen. Adding on Adam who is working n a quote for the upcoming press release. Have a great weekend.

Zaneta

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Thanks, Karen. While my understanding is that the SBA agreement is very close to finalization, given the timing we won't be able to include it in Monday's ED. Once that agreement is signed, we can work towards a separate but quick designation.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work on all of this!

Best,
Dan

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Hi all,

The ED and release are currently slated for this Monday, December 18. Is there any chance we could receive a quote from the VA team?

And I believe MDOS and SBA have been trying to work toward an agreement in time for the ED – do we have an update there on whether we think this ED will include SBA as well?

Best,
Karen

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We are still looking at the ED the week of the 18th but no further details on timing yet.

It will likely just be a release and not an event, so we will be sure to reach out in advance for quotes from SBA (presuming the agreement is wrapped up) and VA for that in advance.

Best,
Karen

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Good afternoon, Karen,

Any updates on the date of the signing? We would love to have a VA senior official participate if able. Thank you and I hope you had a wonderful thanksgiving!

Zaneta

From: Kudelko, Karen <KudelkoK@michigan.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 10:24 AM

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It's looking like our updated target week is the week of 12/18.

More to come as details get solidified!

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday in the meantime.

Best,
Karen

From: Kudelko, Karen

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We will be in touch as details get finalized in the coming weeks, so please loop in others into this chain that you'd like to be updated as plans get finalized.

Thank you all for your partnership and hard work leading up to this exciting moment, we can't wait!

Best,
Karen

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Thanks, Jen. Adding Rebecca from my team for awareness

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Thanks for following up on this. I have not heard an update from the Governor's office on what their timing might be. I will share the interest in announcing with the MOU with the Secretary of State's communications team and get back to you as early as possible next week.

Jonathan

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To: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
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Thanks for the call earlier this week. Adding in [@Nguyen, Han D.](#) from our comms shop.

Did you hear anything back from the Governor's office? I think we are good to do an announcement on our MOU signing with you all late next week and we can wait on the Governor's EO if that can't happen as quickly. Let us know if that still sounds good.

Thanks everyone!
Jen

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I reviewed these changes and am comfortable. If SBA is good with this draft, you can go ahead and sign and return to Jonathan and me. We will then get it signed on our end and send you an executed copy of the final MOA.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this.

Meghan Schaar

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Thanks,

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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:59:09 PM
Attachments: [URL MOU MDOS and SBA - Final Version 2-24.docx](#)
[MOA- NVRA Designated Federal Agency - Final Version 2-24.docx](#)

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To: [Galanti, Rebecca R.](#); [Kim, Jennifer I.](#); [Brater, Jonathan \(MDOS\)](#); [Nguyen, Han D.](#); [Schaar, Meghan \(MDOS\)](#); [Sempertegui, Juan M.](#)
Cc: [Lillie, Erin \(MDOS\)](#); [O'Loughlin, Kate R.](#); [Parker, Victor](#); [Doss, Antonio](#)
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:02:05 PM

Thanks Rebecca – working on getting our quote approved!

Angela Benander

Director of Communications & Media Relations

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Michigan Department of State

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
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Attaching our updated release. As soon as we have sign-off from y'all and any quote you're able to provide, we should be good to get this out on Monday!

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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(MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Hi there,

Checking back if you have any update, thanks!

~Jen

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:52 AM

To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks for following up Rebecca – I know Angela will be unavailable for the next couple hours, but we will circle back with you as soon as we can after that.

Jonathan

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:35 AM

To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Following up on the release.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:49 PM

To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>;

Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! Angela, I'll follow up with you separately.

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks! We will get back to you asap. I have copied Angela Benander, who is the best point of contact for MDOS on communications.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi MDOS team! Attached find our draft press release announcing the MOU. We'd also love to include a quote from the MDOS if y'all could send us one to add in.

Ideally we'd get this release out Thursday, and time it with an exclusive that we can coordinate on pitching. Let me know who the best person on your team to chat about

that is!

From: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks, Jen. Adding Rebecca from my team for awareness

Han Nguyen (him/his) | 202.941.5975 | Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison | U.S. Small Business Administration

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks for following up on this. I have not heard an update from the Governor's office on what their timing might be. I will share the interest in announcing with the MOU with the Secretary of State's communications team and get back to you as early as possible next week.

Jonathan

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 12:31 PM
To: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Thanks for the call earlier this week. Adding in [@Nguyen, Han D.](#) from our comms shop.

Did you hear anything back from the Governor's office? I think we are good to do an announcement on our MOU signing with you all late next week and we can wait on the Governor's EO if that can't happen as quickly. Let us know if that still sounds good.

Thanks everyone!

Jen

From: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:19 AM

To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS)

<BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin,

Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio

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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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I reviewed these changes and am comfortable. If SBA is good with this draft, you can go ahead and sign and return to Jonathan and me. We will then get it signed on our end and send you an executed copy of the final MOA.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this.

Meghan Schaar

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:58 PM

To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>;

Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker,

Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan,

Attached are the updated versions with the missing information. Do you have time to connect tomorrow or Monday to discuss next steps? Give us a few options and we will make one work.

Thanks!

Juan

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:52 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thank you! We are good with these changes. I have accepted them. We will need the SBA contact/signatory info where indicated in highlight (I also highlighted a track change which I believe was a typo). If SBA is good with these versions I believe we can finalize and sign.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan,

Attached are proposed edits to the MOUs for your consideration. Let me know if you'd like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks!

Juan

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Yes, we expect the VA will be included in the upcoming directive, along with some updates to the list of state of Michigan agencies that serve as NVRA agencies.

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi Jonathan,
We are trying to move this along. Is the VA going to be included as well? Also can you share anything about other initiatives that will be included? Happy to jump on the phone if easier.

Thanks,
Jen

Jennifer Kim (she, her)
Associate Administrator, Office of Field Operations
U.S. Small Business Administration
202-251-5145



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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Update: According to the Governor's office we will need the agreement signed by this Thursday (12/14) to be included in the upcoming directive next week. If that is not possible, it could be included in a future directive. Happy to discuss!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! I believe the Governor's office is planning an executive directive December 18 or later that week designating new NVRA agencies in Michigan. If it's possible to finalize the interagency agreement/MOU before then, I think SBA could be included in the upcoming directive.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:39:46 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU


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Jonathan,

Looping in Jen and Victor. Can you provide more details on the roll out plan?

Thanks!

Juan

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:53 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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It looks like there may be an executive directive coming from the governor within the next two weeks. Are you free in the next couple days touch base and see if we can finalize these before then? If so I can set up something. Thank you!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

See attached current working drafts. Thank you for your patience!

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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We prefer to wait until next week when you have a draft you're comfortable with. Thanks!

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:11 AM
To: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thank you for following up and sorry for the delayed response! We are working on adding some info from last week's call and will circulate an updated draft early next week. If you would prefer to see a draft now, I can send you the one we are currently working on with the understanding we will have some tweaks. Please let me know if you'd like that!

From: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Subject: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan: It was great to meet you during the call last week. Could you send me a copy of the most current working version of the MDOS/SBA MOU? I can't locate a copy in my inbox.

Thanks,
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From: [Galanti, Rebecca R.](#)
To: [Benander, Angela \(MDOS\)](#)
Cc: [Brater, Jonathan \(MDOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: SBA / MDOS
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Hi! Great chatting, Angela. Attached is the draft release.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 9:38 AM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Cc: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: SBA / MDOS

Hi! Totally understand. I'm free before 11:30am – 202-631-6787.

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:25 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Cc: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: SBA / MDOS

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Hi Rebecca – I'm so sorry I haven't been able to connect. Today has been a DAY.

If you are available now and want to give me a call we can talk. Or we can plan for tomorrow. Let me know what works best for you.

Angela Benander

Director of Communications & Media Relations
Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:36 AM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: SBA / MDOS

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Hi! Following up on this.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R.
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 2:00 PM
To: benandera1@michigan.gov <benandera1@michigan.gov>
Subject: SBA / MDOS

Hi Angela! We'd love to pitch an exclusive on the MOU once we're ready, and would of course coordinate with y'all. Do you have any local outlets in mind you think this might be a good fit for?

From: [Galanti, Rebecca R.](#)
To: [Benander, Angela \(MDOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:46:01 PM

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TY! Just sent an email at the same time as you; I think we will hold til tomorrow. Any more thoughts on local press that the SBA could pitch for an exclusive? We can also go national if there are local sensitivities.

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:44 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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I can't remember if I replied to this but we are all good to go when you are

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Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:41 PM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Thanks so much! Did y'all have any edits to the release itself, or does it all look right?

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To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Here's Secretary Benson's quote – thank you!

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Like voting, they play a direct role in improving people's lives. I'm proud we are partnering with the Small Business Administration for this first-in-the-nation effort connecting Michigan's small business community with the tools and information they need to play an even greater active role in our democracy.

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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks Rebecca – working on getting our quote approved!

Angela Benander

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:32 PM
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Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Attaching our updated release. As soon as we have sign-off from y'all and any quote you're able to provide, we should be good to get this out on Monday!

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:29 AM
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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Hi there,
Checking back if you have any update, thanks!
~Jen

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Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Thanks for following up Rebecca – I know Angela will be unavailable for the next couple hours, but we will circle back with you as soon as we can after that.

Jonathan

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:35 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Following up on the release.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:49 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! Angela, I'll follow up with you separately.

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks! We will get back to you asap. I have copied Angela Benander, who is the best point of contact for MDOS on communications.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi MDOS team! Attached find our draft press release announcing the MOU. We'd also love to include a quote from the MDOS if y'all could send us one to add in.

Ideally we'd get this release out Thursday, and time it with an exclusive that we can coordinate on pitching. Let me know who the best person on your team to chat about that is!

From: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks, Jen. Adding Rebecca from my team for awareness

Han Nguyen (him/his) | 202.941.5975 | Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison | U.S. Small Business Administration

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Thanks for following up on this. I have not heard an update from the Governor's office on what their timing might be. I will share the interest in announcing with the MOU with the Secretary of State's communications team and get back to you as early as possible next week.

Jonathan

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 12:31 PM
To: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M.

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Thanks for the call earlier this week. Adding in @Nguyen.Han.D from our comms shop.

Did you hear anything back from the Governor's office? I think we are good to do an announcement on our MOU signing with you all late next week and we can wait on the Governor's EO if that can't happen as quickly. Let us know if that still sounds good.

Thanks everyone!
Jen

From: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:19 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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I reviewed these changes and am comfortable. If SBA is good with this draft, you can go ahead and sign and return to Jonathan and me. We will then get it signed on our end and send you an executed copy of the final MOA.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this.

Meghan Schaar

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:58 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>

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Jonathan,

Attached are the updated versions with the missing information. Do you have time to connect tomorrow or Monday to discuss next steps? Give us a few options and we will make one work.

Thanks!

Juan

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:52 PM

To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>

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Thank you! We are good with these changes. I have accepted them. We will need the SBA contact/signatory info where indicated in highlight (I also highlighted a track change which I believe was a typo). If SBA is good with these versions I believe we can finalize and sign.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Jonathan,

Attached are proposed edits to the MOUs for your consideration. Let me know if you'd like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks!

Juan

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Yes, we expect the VA will be included in the upcoming directive, along with some updates to the list of state of Michigan agencies that serve as NVRA agencies.

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi Jonathan,

We are trying to move this along. Is the VA going to be included as well? Also can you share anything about other initiatives that will be included? Happy to jump on the phone if easier.

Thanks,
Jen

Jennifer Kim (she, her)
Associate Administrator, Office of Field Operations
U.S. Small Business Administration
202-251-5145



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Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Update: According to the Governor's office we will need the agreement signed by this Thursday (12/14) to be included in the upcoming directive next week. If that is not possible, it could be included in a future directive. Happy to discuss!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! I believe the Governor's office is planning an executive directive December 18 or later that week designating new NVRA agencies in Michigan. If it's possible to finalize the interagency agreement/MOU before then, I think SBA could be included in the upcoming directive.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:39:46 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU


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Jonathan,

Looping in Jen and Victor. Can you provide more details on the roll out plan?

Thanks!

Juan

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It looks like there may be an executive directive coming from the governor within the next two weeks. Are you free in the next couple days touch base and see if we can finalize these before then? If so I can set up something. Thank you!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

See attached current working drafts. Thank you for your patience!

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
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We prefer to wait until next week when you have a draft you're comfortable with. Thanks!

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:11 AM

To: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>

Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

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Thank you for following up and sorry for the delayed response! We are working on adding some info from last week's call and will circulate an updated draft early next week. If you would prefer to see a draft now, I can send you the one we are currently working on with the understanding we will have some tweaks. Please let me know if you'd like that!

From: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM

To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

Subject: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan: It was great to meet you during the call last week. Could you send me a copy of the most current working version of the MDOS/SBA MOU? I can't locate a copy in my inbox.

Thanks,

Kate R. O'Loughlin

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From: [Benander, Angela \(MDOS\)](#)
To: [Galanti, Rebecca R.](#)
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:13:00 PM

We will send a version of yours and will reach out to SBAM to see if they want to include a quote.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks! I'll aim for 10am embargo lift but will circle back if that changes. Are y'all getting out a release as well or just amplifying what we put out?

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:49 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Yes and yes!

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:31 PM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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I like that idea! Are you good with SBA pitching the exclusive? Would just send the release on embargo if they're interested.

Also – can we make one slight edit to Secretary Benson's quote? The word partnership denotes a very specific legal agreement for the SBA, so we'd prefer to use a different word:

“Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Like voting, they play a direct role in improving people’s lives,” said Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. “I’m proud we are ~~partnering~~working with the Small Business Administration for this first-in-the-nation effort connecting Michigan’s small business community with the tools and information they need to play an even greater active role in our democracy.”

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:05 PM

To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Maybe Crain’s? We don’t do a whole lot with them but that’s the only thing that comes to mind. Dave Eggert is the political reporter – David.eggert@crain.com 313.446.1654

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:46 PM

To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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TY! Just sent an email at the same time as you; I think we will hold til tomorrow. Any more thoughts on local press that the SBA could pitch for an exclusive? We can also go national if there are local sensitivities.

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:44 PM

To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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I can't remember if I replied to this but we are all good to go when you are

Angela Benander

Director of Communications & Media Relations

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Michigan Department of State

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:41 PM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks so much! Did y'all have any edits to the release itself, or does it all look right?

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:31 AM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Here's Secretary Benson's quote – thank you!

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Like voting, they play a direct role in improving people's lives. I'm proud we are partnering with the Small Business Administration for this first-in-the-nation effort connecting Michigan's small business community with the tools and information they need to play an even greater active role in our democracy.

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi, checking back in here!

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From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:02:02 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks Rebecca – working on getting our quote approved!

Angela Benander

Director of Communications & Media Relations

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
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Attaching our updated release. As soon as we have sign-off from y'all and any quote you're able to provide, we should be good to get this out on Monday!

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Hi there,

Checking back if you have any update, thanks!

~Jen

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Thanks for following up Rebecca – I know Angela will be unavailable for the next couple hours, but we will circle back with you as soon as we can after that.

Jonathan

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:35 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan

(MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R.
<Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio
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Following up on the release.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:49 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D.
<Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan
(MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R.
<Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio
<Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! Angela, I'll follow up with you separately.

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D.
<Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan
(MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R.
<Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio
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Thanks! We will get back to you asap. I have copied Angela Benander, who is the best point

of contact for MDOS on communications.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi MDOS team! Attached find our draft press release announcing the MOU. We'd also love to include a quote from the MDOS if y'all could send us one to add in.

Ideally we'd get this release out Thursday, and time it with an exclusive that we can coordinate on pitching. Let me know who the best person on your team to chat about that is!

From: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks, Jen. Adding Rebecca from my team for awareness

Han Nguyen (him/his) | 202.941.5975 | Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison | U.S. Small Business Administration

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Thanks for following up on this. I have not heard an update from the Governor's office on what their timing might be. I will share the interest in announcing with the MOU with the Secretary of State's communications team and get back to you as early as possible next week.

Jonathan

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 12:31 PM
To: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Thanks for the call earlier this week. Adding in [@Nguyen, Han D.](#) from our comms shop.

Did you hear anything back from the Governor's office? I think we are good to do an announcement on our MOU signing with you all late next week and we can wait on the Governor's EO if that can't happen as quickly. Let us know if that still sounds good.

Thanks everyone!

Jen

From: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:19 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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I reviewed these changes and am comfortable. If SBA is good with this draft, you can go ahead and sign and return to Jonathan and me. We will then get it signed on our end and send you an executed copy of the final MOA.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this.

Meghan Schaar

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:58 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
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Jonathan,

Attached are the updated versions with the missing information. Do you have time to connect tomorrow or Monday to discuss next steps? Give us a few options and we will make one work.

Thanks!

Juan

Juan M. Sempertegui

Deputy General Counsel

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:52 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Thank you! We are good with these changes. I have accepted them. We will need the SBA contact/signatory info where indicated in highlight (I also highlighted a track change which I believe was a typo). If SBA is good with these versions I believe we can finalize and sign.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Jonathan,

Attached are proposed edits to the MOUs for your consideration. Let me know if you'd like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks!

Juan

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Yes, we expect the VA will be included in the upcoming directive, along with some updates to the list of state of Michigan agencies that serve as NVRA agencies.

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi Jonathan,

We are trying to move this along. Is the VA going to be included as well? Also can you share anything about other initiatives that will be included? Happy to jump on the phone if easier.

Thanks,

Jen

Jennifer Kim (she, her)

Associate Administrator, Office of Field Operations

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Update: According to the Governor's office we will need the agreement signed by this Thursday (12/14) to be included in the upcoming directive next week. If that is not possible, it could be included in a future directive. Happy to discuss!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! I believe the Governor's office is planning an executive directive December 18 or later that week designating new NVRA agencies in Michigan. If it's possible to finalize the interagency agreement/MOU before then, I think SBA could be included in the upcoming directive.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:39:46 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan,

Looping in Jen and Victor. Can you provide more details on the roll out plan?

Thanks!

Juan

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To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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It looks like there may be an executive directive coming from the governor within the next two weeks. Are you free in the next couple days touch base and see if we can finalize these before then? If so I can set up something. Thank you!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

See attached current working drafts. Thank you for your patience!

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R.

<Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU


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We prefer to wait until next week when you have a draft you're comfortable with. Thanks!

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:11 AM

To: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>

Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thank you for following up and sorry for the delayed response! We are working on adding some info from last week's call and will circulate an updated draft early next week. If you would prefer to see a draft now, I can send you the one we are currently working on with the understanding we will have some tweaks. Please let me know if you'd like that!

From: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Subject: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan: It was great to meet you during the call last week. Could you send me a copy of the most current working version of the MDOS/SBA MOU? I can't locate a copy in my inbox.

Thanks,

Kate R. O'Loughlin

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From: [Galanti, Rebecca R.](#)
To: [Benander, Angela \(MDOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:20:09 PM

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Perfect thanks! I'll let you know once ours is out.

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 5:13 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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We will send a version of yours and will reach out to SBAM to see if they want to include a quote.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks! I'll aim for 10am embargo lift but will circle back if that changes. Are y'all getting out a release as well or just amplifying what we put out?

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:49 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Yes and yes!

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:31 PM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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I like that idea! Are you good with SBA pitching the exclusive? Would just send the release on embargo if they're interested.

Also – can we make one slight edit to Secretary Benson's quote? The word partnership denotes a very specific legal agreement for the SBA, so we'd prefer to use a different word:

“Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Like voting, they play a direct role in improving people’s lives,” said Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. “I’m proud we are ~~partnering~~working with the Small Business Administration for this first-in-the-nation effort connecting Michigan’s small business community with the tools and information they need to play an even greater active role in our democracy.”

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:05 PM

To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Maybe Crain's? We don't do a whole lot with them but that's the only thing that comes to mind. Dave Eggert is the political reporter – David.eggert@crain.com 313.446.1654

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:46 PM

To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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TY! Just sent an email at the same time as you; I think we will hold til tomorrow. Any more thoughts on local press that the SBA could pitch for an exclusive? We can also go national if there are local sensitivities.

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:44 PM

To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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I can't remember if I replied to this but we are all good to go when you are

Angela Benander

Director of Communications & Media Relations

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Michigan Department of State

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:41 PM

To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMJ@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

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Thanks so much! Did y'all have any edits to the release itself, or does it all look right?

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:31 AM

To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMJ@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

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Here's Secretary Benson's quote – thank you!

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:06 AM

To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>

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From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:02:02 PM

To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

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Thanks Rebecca – working on getting our quote approved!

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 3:32 PM**To:** Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>**Cc:** Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>**Subject:** Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Attaching our updated release. As soon as we have sign-off from y'all and any quote you're able to provide, we should be good to get this out on Monday!

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 11:29 AM**To:** Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>**Cc:** Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>**Subject:** RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Hi there,

Checking back if you have any update, thanks!

~Jen

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:52 AM**To:** Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D.

<Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks for following up Rebecca – I know Angela will be unavailable for the next couple hours, but we will circle back with you as soon as we can after that.

Jonathan

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:35 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Following up on the release.

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Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! Angela, I'll follow up with you separately.

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R.

<Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks! We will get back to you asap. I have copied Angela Benander, who is the best point of contact for MDOS on communications.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi MDOS team! Attached find our draft press release announcing the MOU. We'd also love to include a quote from the MDOS if y'all could send us one to add in.

Ideally we'd get this release out Thursday, and time it with an exclusive that we can coordinate on pitching. Let me know who the best person on your team to chat about that is!

From: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks, Jen. Adding Rebecca from my team for awareness

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thanks for following up on this. I have not heard an update from the Governor's office on what their timing might be. I will share the interest in announcing with the MOU with the Secretary of State's communications team and get back to you as early as possible next week.

Jonathan

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 12:31 PM
To: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
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Thanks for the call earlier this week. Adding in [@Nguyen, Han D.](mailto:Han.D.Nguyen@sba.gov) from our comms shop.

Did you hear anything back from the Governor's office? I think we are good to do an announcement on our MOU signing with you all late next week and we can wait on the Governor's EO if that can't happen as quickly. Let us know if that still sounds good.

Thanks everyone!
Jen

From: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:19 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor

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I reviewed these changes and am comfortable. If SBA is good with this draft, you can go ahead and sign and return to Jonathan and me. We will then get it signed on our end and send you an executed copy of the final MOA.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this.

Meghan Schaar

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:58 PM

To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMJ@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>

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Jonathan,

Attached are the updated versions with the missing information. Do you have time to connect tomorrow or Monday to discuss next steps? Give us a few options and we will make one work.

Thanks!

Juan

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:52 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thank you! We are good with these changes. I have accepted them. We will need the SBA contact/signatory info where indicated in highlight (I also highlighted a track change which I believe was a typo). If SBA is good with these versions I believe we can finalize and sign.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU


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Jonathan,

Attached are proposed edits to the MOUs for your consideration. Let me know if you'd like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks!

Juan

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Yes, we expect the VA will be included in the upcoming directive, along with some updates to the list of state of Michigan agencies that serve as NVRA agencies.

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi Jonathan,

We are trying to move this along. Is the VA going to be included as well? Also can you share anything about other initiatives that will be included? Happy to jump on the phone if easier.

Thanks,
Jen

Jennifer Kim (she, her)
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Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
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Update: According to the Governor's office we will need the agreement signed by this Thursday (12/14) to be included in the upcoming directive next week. If that is not possible, it could be included in a future directive. Happy to discuss!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! I believe the Governor's office is planning an executive directive December 18 or later that week designating new NVRA agencies in Michigan. If it's possible to finalize the interagency agreement/MOU before then, I think SBA could be included in the upcoming directive.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:39:46 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarMI@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan,

Looping in Jen and Victor. Can you provide more details on the roll out plan?

Thanks!

Juan

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:53 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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It looks like there may be an executive directive coming from the governor within the next two weeks. Are you free in the next couple days touch base and see if we can finalize these before then? If so I can set up something. Thank you!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

See attached current working drafts. Thank you for your patience!

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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We prefer to wait until next week when you have a draft you're comfortable with. Thanks!

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:11 AM
To: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thank you for following up and sorry for the delayed response! We are working on adding some info from last week's call and will circulate an updated draft early next week. If you would prefer to see a draft now, I can send you the one we are currently working on with the understanding we will have some tweaks. Please let me know if you'd like that!

From: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Subject: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan: It was great to meet you during the call last week. Could you send me a copy of the most current working version of the MDOS/SBA MOU? I can't locate a copy in my inbox.

Thanks,

Kate R. O'Loughlin

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney

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From: [Brater, Jonathan \(MDOS\)](#)
To: [Kim, Jennifer I.](#); [Galanti, Rebecca R.](#); [Benander, Angela \(MDOS\)](#); [Nguyen, Han D.](#); [Schaar, Meghan \(MDOS\)](#); [Sempertegui, Juan M.](#)
Cc: [Lillie, Erin \(MDOS\)](#); [O'Loughlin, Kate R.](#); [Parker, Victor](#); [Doss, Antonio](#)
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 2:01:47 PM
Attachments: [MOA- NVRA Designated Federal Agency - Final Version - JK sign JPB sign.pdf](#)
[URL MOU MDOS and SBA - Final Version - JK sign JPB sign.pdf](#)

See attached, signed by me as well. Thank you – we are excited as well!

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 1:14 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Hi there,

Attached are our signed copies of the MOU. Jonathan I think once you sign and send back we will be good to go with the release, but let me know if I am missing anything.

Excited for the partnership to be finalized!

Thanks,
Jen

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:41 PM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks so much! Did y'all have any edits to the release itself, or does it all look right?

From: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:31 AM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Here's Secretary Benson's quote – thank you!

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Like voting, they play a direct role in improving people's lives. I'm proud we are partnering with the Small Business Administration for this first-in-the-nation effort connecting Michigan's small business community with the tools and information they need to play an even greater active role in our democracy.

Angela Benander

Director of Communications & Media Relations
Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:02:02 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Thanks Rebecca – working on getting our quote approved!

Angela Benander

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From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Attaching our updated release. As soon as we have sign-off from y'all and any quote

you're able to provide, we should be good to get this out on Monday!

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Hi there,
Checking back if you have any update, thanks!
~Jen

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
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Thanks for following up Rebecca – I know Angela will be unavailable for the next couple hours, but we will circle back with you as soon as we can after that.

Jonathan

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:35 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>

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Following up on the release.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:49 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! Angela, I'll follow up with you separately.

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>; Benander, Angela (MDOS) <BenanderA1@michigan.gov>
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Thanks! We will get back to you asap. I have copied Angela Benander, who is the best point of contact for MDOS on communications.

From: Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Hi MDOS team! Attached find our draft press release announcing the MOU. We'd also love to include a quote from the MDOS if y'all could send us one to add in.

Ideally we'd get this release out Thursday, and time it with an exclusive that we can coordinate on pitching. Let me know who the best person on your team to chat about that is!

From: Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Galanti, Rebecca R. <Rebecca.Galanti@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
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Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks, Jen. Adding Rebecca from my team for awareness

Han Nguyen (him/his) | 202.941.5975 | Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison | U.S. Small Business Administration

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
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Thanks for following up on this. I have not heard an update from the Governor's office on what their timing might be. I will share the interest in announcing with the MOU with the Secretary of State's communications team and get back to you as early as possible next week.

Jonathan

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 12:31 PM
To: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Nguyen, Han D. <Han.Nguyen@sba.gov>
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Thanks for the call earlier this week. Adding in [@Nguyen, Han D.](mailto:Han.D.Nguyen@sba.gov) from our comms shop.

Did you hear anything back from the Governor's office? I think we are good to do an announcement on our MOU signing with you all late next week and we can wait on the Governor's EO if that can't happen as quickly. Let us know if that still sounds good.

Thanks everyone!

Jen

From: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:19 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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I reviewed these changes and am comfortable. If SBA is good with this draft, you can go ahead and sign and return to Jonathan and me. We will then get it signed on our end and send you an executed copy of the final MOA.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this.

Meghan Schaar

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:58 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>; Doss, Antonio <Antonio.Doss@sba.gov>
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Jonathan,

Attached are the updated versions with the missing information. Do you have time to connect tomorrow or Monday to discuss next steps? Give us a few options and we will make one work.

Thanks!

Juan

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To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Thank you! We are good with these changes. I have accepted them. We will need the SBA contact/signatory info where indicated in highlight (I also highlighted a track change which I believe was a typo). If SBA is good with these versions I believe we can finalize and sign.

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To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
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Jonathan,

Attached are proposed edits to the MOUs for your consideration. Let me know if you'd like to discuss in more detail.

Thanks!

Juan

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To: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>

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Yes, we expect the VA will be included in the upcoming directive, along with some updates to the list of state of Michigan agencies that serve as NVRA agencies.

From: Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
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Hi Jonathan,

We are trying to move this along. Is the VA going to be included as well? Also can you share anything about other initiatives that will be included? Happy to jump on the phone if easier.

Thanks,
Jen

Jennifer Kim (she, her)
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Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:18 AM

To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
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Update: According to the Governor's office we will need the agreement signed by this Thursday (12/14) to be included in the upcoming directive next week. If that is not possible, it could be included in a future directive. Happy to discuss!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

Thanks! I believe the Governor's office is planning an executive directive December 18 or later that week designating new NVRA agencies in Michigan. If it's possible to finalize the interagency agreement/MOU before then, I think SBA could be included in the upcoming directive.

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:39:46 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>; Kim, Jennifer I. <Jennifer.Kim@sba.gov>; Parker, Victor <Victor.Parker@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan,

Looping in Jen and Victor. Can you provide more details on the roll out plan?

Thanks!

Juan

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It looks like there may be an executive directive coming from the governor within the next two weeks. Are you free in the next couple days touch base and see if we can finalize these before then? If so I can set up something. Thank you!

From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Lillie, Erin (MDOS) <LillieE@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

See attached current working drafts. Thank you for your patience!

From: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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We prefer to wait until next week when you have a draft you're comfortable with. Thanks!

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From: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:11 AM
To: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Subject: RE: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Thank you for following up and sorry for the delayed response! We are working on adding some info from last week's call and will circulate an updated draft early next week. If you would prefer to see a draft now, I can send you the one we are currently working on with the understanding we will have some tweaks. Please let me know if you'd like that!

From: O'Loughlin, Kate R. <Kate.O'Loughlin@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>
Cc: Sempertegui, Juan M. <Juan.Sempertegui@sba.gov>
Subject: MDOS/SBA Updated MOU

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Jonathan: It was great to meet you during the call last week. Could you send me a copy of the most

current working version of the MDOS/SBA MOU? I can't locate a copy in my inbox.

Thanks,

Kate R. O'Loughlin

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Cc: [Benander, Angela \(MDOS\)](#); [Schaar, Meghan \(MDOS\)](#); [Lillie, Erin \(MDOS\)](#); [McMillan, Sarah \(MDOS\)](#); [Belton, Shelly \(MDOS\)](#)
Subject: Unique URL
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:15:00 PM

SBA Team:

We have established the unique URL that SBA can begin using to direct customers to the online voter registration page per our agreements:

[Michigan.gov/USSBA](https://michigan.gov/USSBA)

(Just FYI, /SBA was not an option because that is already used by our State Building Authority)

We're hoping the Governor's directive will be coming fairly soon, but there is no need to wait for that to begin using the URL. Any questions, please let us know and thank you!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Brater, *Director of Elections*
Michigan Department of State
Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
Bureau of Elections
Mobile: 517-599-5723

From: [Henderson, Laketa L.](#)
To: [Kudelko, Karen](#); [Adams, Zaneta Inez](#); [Huntley, Henry](#); [Osher, Daniel](#); [Brater, Jonathan \(MDOS\)](#); [Schaar, Meghan \(MDOS\)](#); [Grill, Erik \(AG\)](#); [Weber, Zach](#)
Subject: RE: ED re SBA Voter Registration
Date: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:08:50 PM

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Hi Karen,

Currently, the SBA does not have any stats at this time to share because we are still in the early stages and still are setting things up; we have to connect with Jonathan at the state to discuss the website link that will be on the SBA website and how that will be established which should allow for tracking inquiries etc. We are meeting next week but we hope to have all up and going very soon so we can start sharing information.

I hope this helps.

Laketa

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From: Kudelko, Karen <KudelkoK@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 2:09 PM
To: Adams, Zaneta Inez <Zaneta.Adams@va.gov>; Huntley, Henry <Henry.Huntley@va.gov>; Henderson, Laketa L. <Laketa.Henderson@sba.gov>; Osher, Daniel <OsherD@michigan.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Grill, Erik (AG) <GrillE@michigan.gov>; Weber, Zach <WeberZ@michigan.gov>
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Thanks in advance!

Best,
Karen

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Subject: RE: ED re SBA Voter Registration
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 3:35:30 PM

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Thanks for reaching out, we are working on gathering this information for you.

Zaneta

From: Kudelko, Karen <KudelkoK@michigan.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 2:09 PM
To: Adams, Zaneta Inez. <Zaneta.Adams@va.gov>; Huntley, Henry <Henry.Huntley@va.gov>; laketa.henderson@sba.gov; Osher, Daniel <OsherD@michigan.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Grill, Erik (AG) <GrillE@michigan.gov>; Weber, Zach <WeberZ@michigan.gov>
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Subject: RE: ED re SBA Voter Registration
Date: Friday, April 12, 2024 12:45:26 PM

Thanks so much Zaneta, and we of course welcome additional information if others have it to share.

From: Adams, Zaneta Inez. <Zaneta.Adams@va.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 8:57 AM
To: Kudelko, Karen <KudelkoK@michigan.gov>; Huntley, Henry <Henry.Huntley@va.gov>; laketa.henderson@sba.gov; Osher, Daniel <OsherD@michigan.gov>; Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>; Schaar, Meghan (MDOS) <SchaarM1@michigan.gov>; Grill, Erik (AG) <GrillE@michigan.gov>; Weber, Zach <WeberZ@michigan.gov>
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Subject: RE: ED re SBA Voter Registration

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Good morning, Karen,

Here is the info on what has been accomplished so far:

1. Detroit VAMC launched in January with Registration staff assisting with VR during requests for change of address. Their CDCE program provided 2 info sharing days leading up to the primary on Feb 25. They intend to have monthly info-sharing setups through October. We do not have numbers to share from engagements and info-sharing days at this time.
2. Detroit VARO has had 1 kiosk registration since launching March 18, 2024
3. Saginaw VAMC has mailed out roughly 40 applications to Lansing thus far and has the QR code posted in all nine Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) in their 35-county catchment area but have not received any information about hard copies being filed out from them. We do not have numbers to share currently. If Jonathan has numbers from the QR code engagement to share, that would be helpful for our records.
4. Saginaw VAMC has also mostly encountered Veterans relocating to the area or Northern Michigan for work or retirement and have received enthusiastic reception. According to feedback received from staff, Volunteers and Business Office staff in the CBOC's there has been a lot of action on the QR code. They currently planning multiple outreach events in which they will have Voter Information on hand and will be giving items to other departments for their events to ensure maximum efficacy. Again, we do not have numbers to share currently and f Jonathan has numbers from the VA-wide QR code engagement to share, that would be helpful for our records.

Please let me know if you need anything else and have a great weekend.

Respectfully,

Zaneta I. Adams

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