



AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OTTAWA, CANADA

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Mr. Robert Small
Manager and Program Developer
Portland Hotel Community Services Society
20 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1G6

Dear Mr. Small:

It is a pleasure for me to invite you to visit the United States of America as a special guest of the U.S. Government under the International Visitor Leadership Program. This program, established by the United States Congress in 1948 to promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries, offers an opportunity to exchange ideas with professional colleagues in the United States, visit our institutions, meet with Americans in many walks of life, and observe American culture and society in various regions of the country. This invitation includes round-trip international travel to the United States, domestic travel, and per diem for the 21-day program.

In light of your professional interests, you are invited to participate in a group project focused on substance abuse education, treatment and prevention, together with professionals in your field from throughout the world. The dates of this project are from November 10-December 1, 2005, with departure for the U.S. on November 9 and return to Canada on December 2. For planning purposes, please confirm whether you accept this invitation with Acting U.S. Consul General Joni Scandola by September 15, 2005.

I hope that you will find your visit to the United States both professionally and personally rewarding and that your experience will contribute to the mutual understanding and goodwill that have long characterized relations between the peoples of Canada and the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Wilkins".

David H. Wilkins

Enclosure: International Visitor Leadership Program Information Sheet
A Guide for International Visitors

cc: Joni Scandola, Acting Consul General, U.S. Consulate Vancouver
Ian Hillman, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate Vancouver