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### **SBA Regional Administrator Visits Chicagoland Small Business Exporters**

Marianne Markowitz, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, toured four thriving small business exporters on Thursday, March 21 and Friday March 22. Two Romeoville companies were included on the tour: Automated Design Corporation and PARC Corporation.

Mayor John Noak joined executives from PARC Corporation, Illinois Small Business Development Center, Illinois Trade Center and Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on the tour of the PARC Corporation on Thursday. PARC and Automated Design Corp. have benefited from SBA's export assistance programs which have enabled them to grow and create jobs.

"Romeoville celebrates the successes of our local job creators. These companies are doing important work to bring about economic recovery and growth. We are proud to have companies like Automated Design and PARC within our midst," said Mayor John Noak.

Regional Administrator Markowitz also highlighted the Obama Administration's efforts to help small business exporters get the resources they need to grow and create an economy built to last.

SBA provides counseling, training and financing to support small business export opportunities. SBA offers loan programs such as Export Express, Export Working Capital and International Trade loans to help business exporters gain the access to the capital they need and encourage lenders to provide support for small businesses to see market potential abroad.



**Pictured from left to right: Hongxia (Mary) Ma, Director, Illinois Trade Center; Marianne Markowitz, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Kathy Xuan, CEO, PARC Corporation;**

**Anthony Quarterman, Plant Manager, PARC Corporation; John Noak, Mayor, Village of Romeoville; Mark Petrilli, State Director, Illinois Small Business Development Center and Daniel Goff, Deputy Director, Illinois Dept of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.**