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Janus receives call from President's office

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On July 22, Janus Developmental Services received a big surprise - a phone call from the President's Office. Janus President and CEO Connie Sanders was in another part of the building when she heard the announcement to get back to her office immediately.

The president himself wasn't on the phone, but Sanders spoke with an assistant. The call was in response to a letter that Janus had sent in the spring.

When President Barack Obama appeared on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno in March, he made a comment about his bowling scores being like something from the Special Olympics. While his intent was not to offend but merely to make a self-deprecating comment, Janus sent the letter to remind him how his power could be used to change many stereotypes. Janus then extended an invitation to him for its fall bowl-a-thon.

The president will be unable to attend, but Janus is floored that they even received a personal phone call.

"With requests like ours, you so seldom get a response," Sanders said.

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