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Re: FBE Certification Approval

Dear BEP Firm:

Congratulations! After reviewing the information that you supplied, we are pleased to inform you that your firm has been granted certification as a female business enterprise (FBE) under the Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities.

This certification is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter, at which time you will be required to submit a new Schedule A application, as is the rule for all certified companies.

Also, at least 60 days prior to the anniversary day of your certification, you will be mailed the Annual No-change Affidavit that you must complete and submit annually, as a condition of continued certification. Should any changes occur in ownership and/or control of the business or other changes affecting the firm's operations, you are required to notify this office within two weeks. Failure to notify our office of any such changes will result in decertification.

Please keep in mind that, while this certification does not guarantee you will receive a contract, it does assure your firm the opportunity to participate in the State's procurement process. As you may know, State of Illinois agencies have set a goal of spending at least 19% of applicable dollars with BEP-certified companies - as a result, State agencies annually spend nearly \$400 million with certified firms. As a certified company, you now have the opportunity to compete for this business.

Please visit our website at www.sell2.illinois.gov to obtain information about current and upcoming procurement opportunities, contracts, and a listing of state purchasing officers - and also to sign up to receive email alerts when the State is preparing to buy a product or service that you provide.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (312) 814-4190 or (800) 356-9206. You may also call (800) 526-0844 (Illinois Relay Line for the Hearing-Impaired) or fax (312) 814-5539.

Sincerely,


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