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Certification Expires: November 30, 2011

Re: MBE Recognition Certification Approval
(Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council)

Dear Business Owner:

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

BEP accepts the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council's (CMSDC) certification regarding your business status. This outside certification is in effect with the State of Illinois as long as it is valid with CMSDC.

At least 60 days prior to the anniversary day of your certification, you will be notified by BEP to update your certification as a condition of continued certification. In addition, 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 BEP within two weeks. Failure to notify our office of any such changes will result in decertification of your firm.

Please keep in mind that, while this certification does not guarantee you will receive a State contract, it does assure your firm the opportunity to participate in the State's procurement process. Currently, your firm's name appears in the State's Directory as a certified vendor with BEP. As you may know, State of Illinois Agencies and State Universities have a spending goal established with BEP-certified companies.

Please visit our website at www.sell2.illinois.gov to obtain information about current and upcoming procurement opportunities, contracts, forms, and also to register to receive email alerts when the State is preparing to purchase a product or service that you may provide.

Thank you for your participation in BEP. The State of Illinois values its relationship with small and diverse businesses and looks forward to do business with your company. For further information or if you have any questions, please call (312) 814-4190, Toll-free (800) 356-9206, Hearing Impaired (800) 526-0844.

Sincerely,

Ruddy I. Ortiz
Deputy Director
Business Enterprise Program

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