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SUBJECT Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program  
Certification Number: MBE-220509  
Effective Dates: 11/19/2018 through 11/19/2020

Dear Chris Ellington:

As you are aware, a company desiring to participate in the State of Ohio's Minority Business Enterprise program must demonstrate to this Office that the company is owned and controlled by a minority individual for at least the previous one year.

After careful review of the application and supporting documentation you provided to this office, the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has determined that the company satisfactorily meets the requirements set forth in Section 123:2-15-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code as is required for participation in the program. This letter shall serve as the State's official certification to this effect.

This letter also acknowledges that GBEX, LLC is approved for MBE program participation under the Goods and Services procurement category, and has demonstrated capability and/or experience for a period of one year from the date of this letter in the following UNSPSC and CSI codes:

UNSPSC CODE	CSI CODE
1. 14100000 Paper materials	N/A
2. 14110000 Paper products	N/A
3. 14111500 Printing and writing paper	N/A
4. 43211600 Computer accessories	N/A
5. 44102900 Office machine accessories	N/A
6. 44110000 Office and desk accessories	N/A
7. 44120000 Office supplies	N/A
8. 44121600 Desk supplies	N/A
9. 45000000 Printing and Photographic and Audio and Visual Equipment and Supplies	N/A
10. 47120000 Janitorial equipment	N/A
11. 47130000 Cleaning and janitorial supplies	N/A
12. 56000000 Furniture and Furnishings	N/A
13. 60110000 Classroom decoratives and supplies	N/A

Please note that one month prior to the expiration date of this certification, your company is required to submit a completed Recertification Affidavit form for our review relative to the company's qualifications for continuing participation in the MBE program. Additionally, you must formally notify this division of any

company's name, business address, telephone numbers, principal products/service or other basic contact and commercial activity information.

Failure to provide a completed Recertification Affidavit or to notify this office of such changes to your company in a timely manner may result in the revocation of your certification status.

So that GBEX, LLC is able to maximize the opportunity to provide its various MBE-approved business services to the State of Ohio, we strongly suggest that you contact the following agencies:

1. The Office of State Purchasing, within DAS's General Services Division, provides free registration at [www.das.ohio.gov/gsd](http://www.das.ohio.gov/gsd) or by calling the office at 614.466.4635. This office provides electronic notice of purchasing opportunities for specified supplies or services (bid notices) to any vendor who has registered with DAS. Opportunities for architectural, engineering and construction service providers can be accessed at [www.ohio.gov/SAO](http://www.ohio.gov/SAO).
2. The Ohio Department of Development offers business development assistance in the areas of management, technical, financial, contract procurement assistance, loan and bond packaging services. The office can be contacted at 614.466.5700 or 800.848.1300 ext. 65700.

As the MBE program indicates, the State of Ohio values diversity among its business partners, and hopes to see them grow and prosper. Consequently, we are delighted to be able to assist your company by approving its participation in this vendor preference and business development program. If you need any assistance or have questions about the MBE program, its objectives or its operation, please contact the Equal Opportunity Division's Certification Unit at 614.466.8380.

Sincerely,



Pamela Osborne  
Acting Deputy Director  
State EEO Coordinator

*Service, support, solution for Ohio Government*

*The State of Ohio is an equal opportunity employer*

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