



DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

CITY OF CHICAGO

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Mr. Rashod Johnson
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Dear Rashod Johnson:

The City of Chicago, your host agency, is pleased to notify you that your firm, **The Roderick Group, Inc.**, continues to meet the requirements for **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE")** program certification in accordance with the governing federal regulations, 49 CFR part 26.

This certification allows your firm to participate as an DBE in the Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL UCP). The participating agencies include the Illinois Department of Transportation, the City of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and Pace.

Your certification is approved, subject to a review of **Continued Eligibility on October 15, 2019**. To remain certified with the IL UCP you must submit a *No Change Affidavit* each year. Notification will be sent to you sixty (60) days prior to the anniversary date of your certification. It is your responsibility to ensure that your certification is kept current by submitting the required information in a timely manner. Failure to provide this information is a ground for removal of certification based on failure to cooperate pursuant to 49 CFR 26.109(c).

If there is any change in circumstances that affect your ability to meet size, disadvantaged status, ownership, or control requirements or any material change in the information provided in your application, you must provide written notification to this agency within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the change. Failure to provide this information is a ground for removal of certification pursuant to 49 CFR 26.83(i).

Your firm's name will appear in the IL UCP DBE Directory in the following area(s) of specialty:

NAICS Code(s):

541330 – Engineering Services

541330 – Civil Engineering Services

541330 – Engineering Design Services

541611 – Administration and General Management Consulting Services

This Directory is used by prime contractors/ consultants, as well as other agencies, to solicit participation of DBE firms. The Directory can be accessed on the Internet at www.dot.state.il.us/ucp/ucp.html.

Your participation on contracts will only be credited toward DBE contract goals when you perform in your firm's approved area(s) of specialty. Credit for participation in an area outside your specialty requires prior approval (verification of resources, expertise, and corresponding support documentation, etc.).

Please note:

- This certification does not attest to your firm's abilities to perform in the approved work category (ies).
- Your certification may be revoked if your firm is found to be involved in bidding or contractual irregularities or has violated DBE program regulations pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26.107.
- For work to count toward a DBE contract goal, the DBE firm must perform a "commercially useful function" pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26.55. A DBE is considered to perform a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of a distinct element of the work of a contract and carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved.

For All Non Trucking Firms:

- Firms seeking work with IDOT as a prime or subconsultant in specialized engineering categories must be prequalified by IDOT's Bureau of Design and Environment.
- Firms seeking work with IDOT, as a prime construction contractor must be prequalified by IDOT's Bureau of Construction.

For All Trucking Firms:

- All DBE trucking firms must own at least one truck. The truck must be operable and capable of hauling materials specific to the contract. The owned truck(s) must be used prior to utilizing leased truck(s).

- The DBE trucking firm receives goal credit for the total value of the transportation service it provides on the contract using trucks it owns, insures and operates and using drivers it employs.
- The DBE trucking firm, which leases trucks from another DBE trucking firm, receives goal credit for the total value of the transportation services the lessee DBE provides on the contract.
- When a DBE trucking firm leases from a non-DBE trucking firm, the goal credit is limited to the fee or commission the DBE receives as a result of the lease arrangement. The fee or commission shall be reasonable and shall be indicated on the lease.
- For any credit to be allowed for leased trucks, the leases must be properly filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ILCC), and indicate that the DBE has exclusive use and control over the truck(s). Leased trucks must visibly display the name and ILCC number of the DBE trucking firm.

Please direct all inquiries and any questions to the City of Chicago Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program at 312-744-1929.

Sincerely,



Jamie L. Rhee
Chief Procurement Officer

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