



PROCUREMENT DIVISION

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Dear Business Person:

Congratulations on your certified small business status with the State of California. Your certification entitles you to benefits under the state's Small Business Participation Program within state contracting, including a five percent bidding preference and special provisions under the Prompt Payment Act.

Certification period

Your certification period for each business type is:

Industry

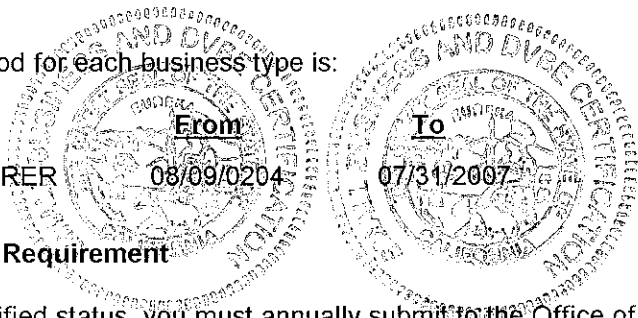
NON-MANUFACTURER

From

08/09/2004

To

07/31/2007



Annual Submission Requirement

To maintain your certified status, you must annually submit to the Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification (OSDC), proof of annual receipts and proof of employees for your firm and each of your affiliates (if any).

Proof of Annual Receipts

Submit to OSDC, a copy of your firm's and any affiliate firm's ENTIRE federal tax return each year following your certification. Include ALL accompanying schedules, forms, statements, and any other support documents filed with that specific tax return.

If you request a tax filing extension with the Internal Revenue Service, submit to our office a copy of the extension form. When your tax returns are filed, submit a copy of the entire federal tax return to our office.

Proof of Employees

If you have employees whose taxable wages are reported to the California Employment Development Department (EDD) on a quarterly basis, you must annually submit to our office along with your proof of annual receipts, proof of employees for your firm and any affiliates.

We will accept a copy of the EDD's "Quarterly Wage and Withholding Report" (Form DE6) or other format accepted by the EDD. Your employee documents must cover the same four quarters as the tax return you submit for your proof of annual receipts.

If you have out-of-state employees, submit the employee documentation comparable to EDD's "Quarterly Wage and Withholding Report" for the same four-quarter period.

Maintain Your Online Certified Firm Profile

A secure access feature on our website enables you to maintain certain company profile information, including customizable keywords to best describe your business specialties with. Details about the Certified Firm Profile and your secure logon information are available on the final page of this letter. Please keep your logon information page in a secure place and DO NOT share it with anyone or include it with any of your bid documents or submittals.

Reporting Business Changes

You must notify OSDC of all business changes or your certification status will be subject to revocation. The enclosed "Certification Information Change" form identifies specific items that may be reported using the change form and it identifies other changes that require a new certification application submittal.

Prompt Payment Rubber Stamp

The Prompt Payment Act requires state agencies to pay the undisputed invoices of certified small businesses and registered nonprofit organizations on a timely basis. Prompt payment is reinforced by adding interest penalties for late payment. Covered under the Act are certified small businesses that are either a service, manufacturer, or non-manufacturer firm, and nonprofit organizations registered with OSDC.

Compensation on late or unpaid progress payments for certified construction firms is addressed in Public Contract Code, Section §10261.5.

Use of the prompt payment rubber stamp alerts state agencies of a firm's certified small business or registered nonprofit status.

Ordering a rubber stamp

To purchase a prompt payment rubber stamp, submit the enclosed Prompt Payment Rubber Stamp Order Form along with your payment to FRS Marking Devices, 1730 H Street, Fresno, CA, 93721.

Proof of Eligibility

Maintain this original certification letter for future business needs. To demonstrate your firm's small business eligibility, include a copy of this letter in your state contract bid submittals.

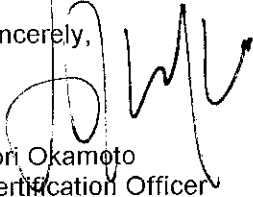
Prior to contract award, agencies will assure the vendor is in compliance with Public Contract Code, Section 10410 et seq. addressing conflict of interest for state officers, state employees or former state employees.

Certification Renewal

A renewal application will be mailed to you prior to the expiration of your small business certification. If you do not receive an application, please call us so that you may timely renew your certification.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 800.559.5529 (Procurement Division receptionist) or 916.375.4940 (OSDC receptionist), by e-mail lori.okamoto@dgs.ca.gov, or by fax 916.375.4950. The Procurement Division oversees many programs to further state contracting participation. For more information regarding these programs, visit our website at www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus, or visit the Procurement Division's website at www.dgs.ca.gov/pd.

Sincerely,



Lori Okamoto
Certification Officer
Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification