



DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
CITY OF CHICAGO

JUL 24 2013

Raj Mahal
Ram Fire Protection, Inc.
713 W. Annoreno Drive
Addison, IL 60101

Dear Mr. Mahal:

We are pleased to inform you that **Ram Fire Protection, Inc.** has been recertified as a **Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE")** by the City of Chicago ("City"). This **MBE** certification is valid until **05/01/2016**; however your firm's certification must be revalidated annually. In the past the City has provided you with an annual letter confirming your certification; such letters will no longer be issued. As a consequence, we require you to be even more diligent in filing your **annual No-Change Affidavit 60 days** before your annual anniversary date.

It is now your responsibility to check the City's certification directory and verify your certification status. As a condition of continued certification during the five year period stated above, you must file an annual No-Change Affidavit. Your firm's **annual No-Change Affidavit** is due by **05/01/2014 and 05/01/2015**. Please remember, you have an affirmative duty to file your **No-Change Affidavit 60 days** prior to the date of expiration. Failure to file your annual No-Change Affidavit may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification.

Your firm's five year certification will expire on **05/01/2016**. You have an affirmative duty to file for recertification **60 days** prior to the date of the five year anniversary date. Therefore, you must file for recertification by **03/01/2016**.

It is important to note that you also have an ongoing affirmative duty to notify the City of any changes in ownership or control of your firm, or any other fact affecting your firm's eligibility for certification **within 10 days** of such change. These changes may include but are not limited to a change of address, change of business structure, change in ownership or ownership structure, change of business operations, gross receipts and or personal net worth that exceed the program threshold. Failure to provide the City with timely notice of such changes may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification. In addition, you may be liable for civil penalties under Chapter 1-22, "False Claims", of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

Please note – you shall be deemed to have had your certification lapse and will be ineligible to participate as a **MBE** if you fail to:

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- File your annual No-Change Affidavit within the required time period;
- Provide financial or other records requested pursuant to an audit within the required time period;
- Notify the City of any changes affecting your firm's certification **within 10 days** of such change; or
- File your recertification within the required time period.

Please be reminded of your contractual obligation to cooperate with the City with respect to any reviews, audits or investigation of its contracts and affirmative action programs. We strongly encourage you to assist us in maintaining the integrity of our programs by reporting instances or suspicions of fraud or abuse to the **City's Inspector General at chicagoinspectorgeneral.org, or 866-IG-TIPLINE (866-448-4754).**

Be advised that if you or your firm is found to be involved in certification, bidding and/or contractual fraud or abuse, the City will pursue decertification and debarment. In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, any person who knowingly obtains, or knowingly assists another in obtaining a contract with the City by falsely representing the individual or entity, or the individual or entity assisted is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000 or both.

Your firm's name will be listed in the City's Directory of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises in the specialty area(s) of:

NAICS Code(s):
238220 – Fire Sprinkler System Installation

Your firm's participation on City contracts will be credited only toward **Minority Business Enterprise** goals in your area(s) specialty. While your participation on City contracts is not limited to your area of specialty, credit toward goals will be given only for work that is self-performed and providing a commercially useful function that is done in the approved specialty category.

Thank you for your interest in the City's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Program.

Sincerely,



Jamie L. Rheas
Chief Procurement Officer

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June 11, 2013

Raj Mahal
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Certification Term Expires: May 31, 2014

Dear Business Owner:

Re: MBE Recognition Certification Approval
(CMSDC)

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 the 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 changes will result in decertification of your firm.

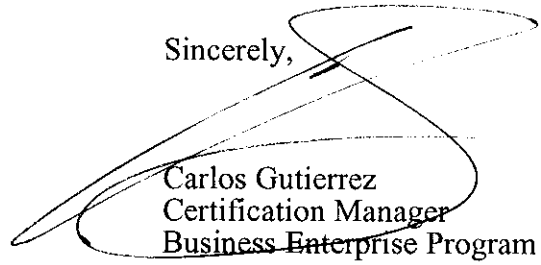
Please be advised, while this certification does not guarantee you will receive a State contract, it does assure your firm the opportunity to participate in the State's procurement process. Your firm's participation on State contracts will be credited only toward Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) goals in your area(s) of specialty. Your firm's name will appear in the State's Directory as a certified vendor with the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) in the specialty area(s) of:

SERVICES, BURGLAR, FIRE ALARM
SERVICES, CARDKEY MAINT SECURITY SYSTEM
SERVICES, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
SERVICES, FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE
SERVICES, FIRE SUPPRESSION
EMERGENCY SERVICES, MISC.
SERVICES, SECURITY

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 you may provide.

Thank you for your participation in the Business Enterprise Program (BEP). We welcome your participation and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,



Carlos Gutierrez
Certification Manager
Business Enterprise Program

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