



Facsimile and US Mail

February 11, 2010

Mr. Guillermo Garcia
GSG Consultants, Inc.
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Chicago, IL 60607-3019

Dear Garcia:

Metra, your host agency, is pleased to notify you that your firm has met 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 a 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 for a five (5) year period, commencing on February 11, 2010. To remain certified with the IL UCP during the five-year period, 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 grounds 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:

Professional, Architecture and Engineering at 100% Credit specializing in Environmental Consultants, Geotechnical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Construction Inspection, Industrial Hygiene and Drilling 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.metrarail.com.

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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:

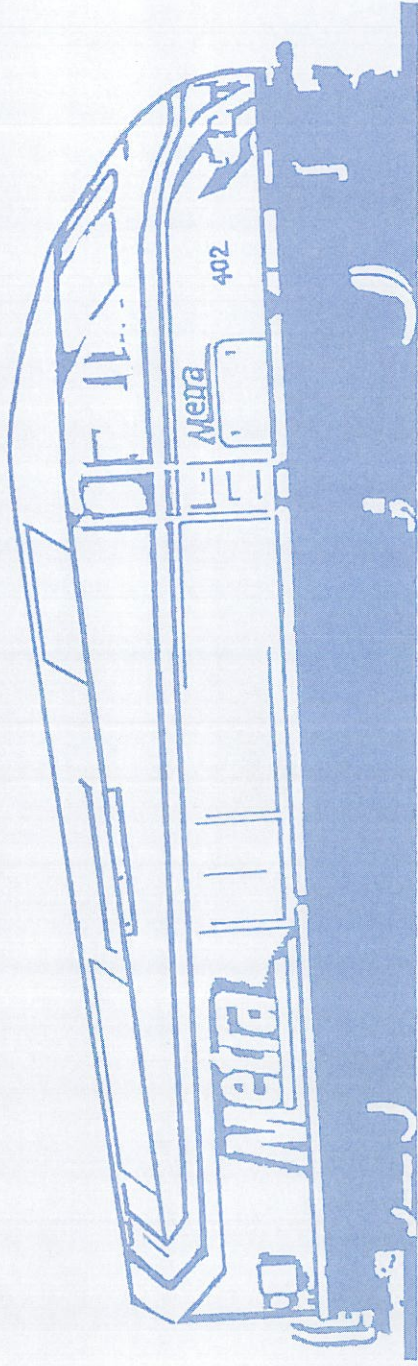
- This certification does not attest to your firm's abilities to perform in the approved work category(ies).
- Your certification may be revoked if your firm is found to be involved in bidding or contractual irregularities or has violated DBE program regulations pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26.107.
- For 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.
- 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.

Please direct all inquiries and any questions to this agency at (312) 322-6323.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandi Llano" followed by a stylized flourish.

Sandi Llano,
Director
Office of DBE Administration



GSG Consultants, Inc.

is hereby certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

This certificate is valid under current firm ownership and operational control and supersedes any authorization or listing previously issued.

Sandi Llano
Sandi Llano DBE Director

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