

SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFIED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

granted to


SOUTHERN UTILITY SUPPLY CO.

*It has been determined that the firm listed above has met
all federal requirements found in Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR Part 26)
to participate in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in South Carolina.*

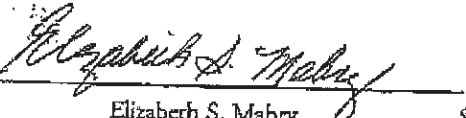
Area of Work:

Supplier of water & sewer drainage and fire protection materials

Expiration Date: 11/9/2008



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September 15, 2009

Anne Oates
Southern Utility Supply Company, LLC
12 Greencove Drive
Greenville, SC 29605

Re: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification

Dear Ms. Oates:

This is to inform you that we have received the annually required documentation from your firm pursuant to DBE federal regulations, and we appreciate your continued interest in the DBE Program.

Upon careful review and evaluation of the information provided, it has been determined that your firm continues to meet the eligibility standards described in the 49 CFR Part 26 (Subparts D and E). Therefore, your firm is approved for continued participation in the DBE Program as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

Your next annual update will be due on 8/1/2010. Prior to that date, the Department will notify you of your firm's update requirements. **You must report to this office any changes in ownership, management, control, and location of your firm within 30 days of those changes.**

If we may be of further assistance, please call Mr. Gary Linn at (803) 737-1372.

Sincerely,

Arlene Prince, Ph.D.
Director for Business Development &
Special Programs

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INCOME TAX CREDIT!!

Reference: SC §12-6-3350- Income Tax Credit for State Contractors Having Subcontracts with MINORITY Firms

Taxpayer, who utilize certified minority subcontractors, may take a tax credit equal to 4% of the payments they make to said subcontractors. The payments claimed must be based on work performed directly for a South Carolina state contract. The credit is capped at \$25,000 per year or the total tax liability; whichever is lesser. The Taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for 6 consecutive taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the credit is first claimed. There is not carry forward of unused credits.

The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Taxpayers must maintain evidence of work performed for a State contract by the minority subcontractor.

Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to:

SC Department of Revenue
Research and Review
Phone: (803) 898-5786
FAX: (803) 898-5888

Reference: SC §11-35-5010- Definition for Minority Subcontractor
Reference: SC §11-35-5230(B)- Regulations for Negotiating with State Minority Firms

The subcontractor must be certified as to the criteria of a "Minority Firm" by the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance (OSMBA). Certificates are issued to subcontractors upon successful completion of the certification process. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to:

Governor's Office of Small and
Minority Business Assistance
Phone (803) 734-0657
FAX (803) 734-2498