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December 15, 2022

Ms. Paula Golden
The Nurse Agency
566 West Adams
Chicago, IL 60661

Re: Annual Certification Expires: December 15, 2023

Dear Ms. Golden:

Congratulations on your continued eligibility for Certification as a **Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE)** Cook County Government. This certification is valid until **December 15, 2025**; however, you must re-validate your firms' certification annually.

As a condition of continued Certification, you must file a **"No Change Affidavit" within sixty (60) business days prior to the date of Annual Certification Expiration**. Failure to file this Affidavit shall result in the termination of your Certification. You must notify Cook County Government's Office of Contract Compliance of any change in ownership or control or any other matters or facts affecting your firm's eligibility for Certification within **fifteen (15) business days** of such change.

Cook County Government may commence action to remove your firm as an **WBE** vendor if you fail to notify us of any changes of facts affecting your firm's Certification, or if your firm otherwise fails to cooperate with the County in any inquiry or investigation. Removal of status may also be commenced if your firm is found to be involved in bidding or contractual irregularities.

Your firm's name will be listed in Cook County's Directory of certified firms in the following area(s) of specialty:

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: NURSE STAFFING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Your firm's participation on Cook County contracts will be credited toward **WBE** goals in your area(s) of specialty. While your participation on Cook County contracts is not limited to your specialty, credit toward **WBE** goals will be given only for work performed in the specialty category.

Thank you for your continued interest in Cook County Government's Minority, Women, Veteran, Service-Disabled Veteran and People with Disabilities Business Enterprise Programs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Makeba C. Butler

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Deputy Director, Office of Contract Compliance

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Ann Elk-Weist

From: State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion <ceibep@diversitysoftware.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Ann Elk-Weist
Subject: CEI BEP: BE BEP Certification Award Notice



May 25, 2023

Ms. Ann Weist
The Nurse Agency
10829 S. Western Avenue, Suite B,
Suite 550
Chicago, IL 60643

Re: BE Enrolled Business Enterprise Program (BE BEP)

Dear Ms. Ann Weist:

Congratulations, as Chairperson of the Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI), I would like to advise you that your business qualifies for enrollment in the new Be Enrolled Business Enterprise Certification Program (BE BEP). In January 2022, the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) was created to modernize the state's practices and protocols related to equity and inclusion in contracting and hiring. The BEP Program was removed from CMS and placed in CEI, whose mission is directly aligned with the mission of BEP. As we establish our new agency, CEI has been carefully reviewing all aspects of the BEP program and council. The BE BEP Certification Program was established to allow for the seamless activation state M/W/PBE certification and reduces duplicative red tape. CEI enrolled your business in the BE BEP Program based on the diversity certification issued by the City of Chicago's and/or Cook County's MWBE vendor directory OR certified within the IL UCP program by CTA, Pace, Metra, IDOT, or the City of Chicago.

Host Agency: Cook County
Renewal Date: December 13, 2023
Certification Expiration Date: December 13, 2023
Certification Type: Women Business Enterprise (WBE)

Your new BE BEP Certification is based on your business maintaining its certification with its initial host agency. The newly activated BE BEP Certification duration and commodity codes will match the existing certification held with the City of Chicago and/or Cook County. If the vendor's certification with the host agency expires or is bidding privileges are suspended, then your BE BEP Certification will also be suspended. You may however apply for full State of Illinois BEP Certification at cei.illinois.gov/bepvendor.

You will be notified by BEP through email to update your BE BEP Certification 60 days prior to the expiration of your host agency's certification and your BE BEP Certification.

Additionally, you must notify BEP within two weeks if any of the following changes occur:

- Changes in ownership
- Changes in who controls the business; or
- Changes in the business' certification status with the host organization.

Failure to notify BEP of these changes may result in the termination of the business' BE BEP Certification.

Activation of your BE BEP Certification has several benefits. Your business's name will be listed in the state's BEP Certified Vendor Directory, used by prime vendors to identify certified M/W/PBEs who can fulfill the state's minority contracting goals. Your business name will appear in the BEP Certified Vendor Directory as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE). The State of Illinois uses National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP) commodity codes that have been translated from your NAICS codes to NIGP codes as listed below. The translation table may be accessed: <https://cei.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/cei/documents/CEI%20BEP%20CROSSWALK.xls>

NIGP 91875: MANAGEMENT CONSULTING
NIGP 94842: HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT
NIGP 96269: PERSONNEL SERVICES, TEMPORARY

Please note that there are four (4) Chief Procurement Officers (CPO) who exercise the state's procurement authority. Each of the four CPOs have a separate bulletin that publishes the state's solicitations and opportunities to bid for each of their respective portfolios. BEP strongly recommends **all** certified vendors register with **each** of the four State of Illinois Procurement [Bulletins](#) to ensure you receive notification of all prime and subcontractor bidding opportunities that match the goods and services your company provides.

State Procurement Sites:

Chief Procurement Officer of General Services has oversight of 65 state agencies:

- <https://www2.illinois.gov/cpo/pathwaytoprocurement/pages/bidbuy.aspx>
- www.illinoistollway.com

Chief Procurement Officer of Higher Education has oversight of 17 state universities:

- www.procure.stateuniv.state.il.us

Chief Procurement Officer of Capital Development Board (CDB) has oversight of CDB:

- www.illinois.gov/cdb

Illinois Department of Transportation:

- www.idot.illinois.gov

The Commission on Equity and Inclusion and BEP Council welcome your participation in the Business Enterprise Program and wish you continued success. If you have any comments, feel free to contact us via cei.bep.compliance@illinois.gov or call the BEP at 312-814-4190.

Sincerely,



Kellye A. Keyes, Esq. CPPB
Acting Chairperson/Executive Director,

Commission on Equity and Inclusion
Chairperson, Business Enterprise Council

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