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RE: CTA/BDP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

Dear Mr. Saltijeral:

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is pleased to inform you that we have received your request for technical assistance from the CTA Business Development Program (BDP) and effective as of the date of this letter, your firm has been accepted to participate in the program.

The purpose of this program is to further the development of DBEs, including but not limited to assisting them to move into non-traditional areas of work and/or compete in the marketplace outside the DBE program via the provision of training and assistance from the CTA. As a firm certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) by the CTA you are eligible to participate in the services offered by the BDP.

DBEs entering the BDP must first undergo the DBE Assessment Process. All firms that participate in the CTA BDP will be subject to a program term determined by the CTA. The term will consist of two stages: a developmental stage and a transitional stage.

In order for a firm to remain eligible for program participation, it must continue to meet all eligibility criteria contained in 49 CFR Appendix C to Part 26. By no later than six (6) months past the above date, your firm must develop and submit a comprehensive business plan setting forth the firm's business targets, objectives and goals. Your firm will not be eligible for all BDP benefits until a business plan is submitted and approved by CTA.

Upon receipt of the following items, a management consultant will be assigned to perform an organizational assessment of your firm at no cost to you:

- Company financial statements for the last complete fiscal year.
- Last company federal tax return filed.

We look forward to working closely with you in achieving your business goals. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Paul Cerpa, Manager, Small Business Development at (312) 664-7200 ext.3517.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Beayers
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