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Jerry Ellison, President  
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Dear Mr. Ellison:

Welcome to the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program. I am pleased to advise you that your application for certification as a "qualified HUBZone small business concern (SBC)" have been approved. Your firm is now eligible to receive HUBZone contracting opportunities, and will be included in the listing of qualified HUBZone small business concerns found on the Internet at <http://www.sba.gov/hubzone>. This certification is effective the date of this letter.

The HUBZone Certification will continue provided that your firm remains in compliance with continuing program eligibility requirements and re-certifies, to SBA, that it remains a qualified HUBZone SBC. Within 30 days of your anniversary date, SBA will contact you to initiate the re-certification process. Failure to respond to this request for re-certification will result in SBA proposing the de-certification of your firm (13 CFR 126.100-500). Please be advised, at any time during your firm's participation in the HUBZone Program, SBA may conduct a program examination to validate program eligibility and/or continued program compliance (13 CFR § 126.402).

We note that your firm has registered in SBA's PRO-Net system. In order to receive maximum benefit from the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program it is strongly suggested that you update your firm's profile in PRO-Net. PRO-Net is a premier marketing tool for small businesses seeking to do business with the Federal government. It is also a source that Federal agencies will check to determine if your firm has been certified by SBA and eligible to receive contracts under the HUBZone program. If you need assistance in updating your PRO-Net profile, please email us at [PRONET@SBA.GOV](mailto:PRONET@SBA.GOV).

Although your firm was approved under Primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 3471 this does not prevent your firm being awarded contracts under other SIC Codes, as long as the firm is qualified to perform. In this regard, please note that you are responsible for researching and identifying potential contracts that may be available through the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program. However, the SBA can assist you in this effort through our Government Contracting web-site at [www.sba.gov/GC](http://www.sba.gov/GC). This site provides a wide array of valuable Federal contract marketing material, including identification of specific contracting opportunities and points of contact at SBA and Federal acquisition agencies. I encourage you to make full use of the very valuable information on this web-site. Also, although your status as a certified HUBZone greatly improves your access to Federal contracts, this certification does not guarantee contract awards. Your ability to research opportunities and bid competitively will be the key to your success in this program.

Good luck in your business endeavors!

Sincerely,

Michael McHale  
Associate Administrator  
HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program



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Dear Jerry Ellison:

I am pleased to advise you as a result of a recent program examination, your concern's status as a "qualified HUBZone small business concern (SBC)" will continue. Your concern continues to be eligible to receive HUBZone contracting opportunities, and continues to be included in the listing of qualified HUBZone small business concerns found on the Internet at <http://www.sba.gov/hubzone>.

This HUBZone Certification will remain in effect at least until the results of the 2010 census are publicly released, around mid-2011. This is provided that your concern remains in compliance with the program's other continuing eligibility requirements.

When you originally applied for HUBZone Program certification, your concern had to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration/Procurement Marketing and Access Network (CCR/SBA Registration) systems. For your concern to receive benefit from the HUBZone Program, that is, to be identified by contracting officers as eligible to receive HUBZone contracts and to be paid under any such contracts, it is essential that you update your CCR/SBA Registration Information records at least annually, and more frequently if there have been material changes in your concern. If you need assistance in updating your CCR/SBA Registration Information records, please contact the CCR Assistance Center for US at 888-227-2423 and for outside US at 1-616-961-4725

Although your concern was approved under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code found in your firm's Small Dynamic Business Profile (SDBS) and the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) Profiles, this does not prevent your concern from being awarded contracts under other NAICS Codes, as long as the concern is qualified to and eligible as a small business. In this regard, please note that you are responsible for researching and identifying potential contracts that may be available through the HUBZone Program. However, the SBA can assist you in this effort through our Government Contracting web-site at [www.sba.gov/GC](http://www.sba.gov/GC). This site provides a wide array of valuable Federal contract marketing material, including identification of specific contracting opportunities and points of contact at SBA and Federal acquisition agencies. I encourage you to make full use of the very valuable information on this web-site. Also, although your status as a certified HUBZone concern greatly improves your access to Federal contracts, this certification does not guarantee contract awards. Your ability to research opportunities and bid competitively will be the key to your success in this program.

In addition to welcoming you to the HUBZone Program, I would also like to supply you with this helpful link to a useful contracting tool. It is the U.S. Small Business Administration's e-learning course *Steps to Accessing Contracts & Subcontracts*. The purpose of this course is to provide 7(j) eligible business owners and this is a group that includes HUBZone certified small business concerns--with the keys to success for developing strategies to expand their markets to the Federal contracting sector.

Through this course you will learn about:

1. Extensive business opportunities that exist with the Federal Government
2. Strategies for selecting specific products or services to market to the Federal Government and how to find potential government customers
3. How the Federal Government procures products and services, and strategies for winning contracts
4. Managing a contract once it is awarded and building a solid performance record for your company

Sincerely,

Michael P. McHale  
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