



DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

CITY OF CHICAGO

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Sandra Myers
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Dear Ms. Myers:

We are pleased to inform you that **North States Steel Corp.** is certified as a **Women-Owned Business Enterprise ("WBE")** by the City of Chicago ("City"). This **WBE** certification is valid until **07/01/2024**; however, your firm's certification must be revalidated annually. In the past the City has provided you with an annual letter confirming your certification; such letters will no longer be issued. Therefore, we require you to be even more diligent in filing your **annual No-Change Affidavit 60 days** before your annual anniversary date.

It is now your responsibility to check the City's certification directory and verify your certification status. As a condition of continued certification during the five-year period stated above, you must file an **annual No-Change Affidavit**. Your firm's annual No-Change Affidavit is due by **07/01/2020, 07/01/2021, 07/01/2022, and 07/01/2023**. Please remember, you have an affirmative duty to file your No-Change Affidavit 60 days prior to the date of expiration. Failure to file your annual No-Change Affidavit may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification.

Your firm's five-year certification will expire on **07/01/2024**. You have an affirmative duty to file for recertification **60 days** prior to the date of the five-year anniversary date. Therefore, you must file for recertification by **05/01/2024**.

It is important to note that you also have an ongoing affirmative duty to notify the City of any changes in ownership or control of your firm, or any other fact affecting your firm's eligibility for certification **within 10 days** of such change. These changes may include but are not limited to a change of address, change of business structure, change in ownership or ownership structure, change of business operations, gross receipts and or personal net worth that exceed the program threshold. Failure to provide the City with timely notice of such changes may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification. In addition, you may be liable for civil penalties under Chapter 1-22, "False Claims", of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

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