



January 15, 2016

Ms. Amy Harris
Northwest Rubber Extruders, Inc.
11155 SW Denney Road
Beaverton, OR 97008

Re: DBE Certification Approval

Dear Ms. Harris:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), a Certifying Partner in the New York State Unified Certification Program (NYSUCP) is accepting Northwest Rubber Extruders, Inc. DBE certification from your home state of Oregon, pursuant to 49 CFR 26.89, *Interstate Certification*.

NAICS Code 326220 – Rubber and Plastics Hoses and Belting Manufacturing
NAICS Code 326291 – Rubber Product Manufacturing for Mechanical Use
NAICS Code 326299 – All Other Rubber Product Manufacturing
NAICS Code 339991 – Gasket, Packing and Sealing Device Manufacturing
NAICS Code 423840 – Industrial Supplies Merchant Wholesalers

Based on this certification, your firm is eligible to participate as a DBE on USDOT-assisted projects in New York State for the classification areas listed above. Since certification is granted only for these specific types of work, if at a future date you wish to expand your firm's certification in an additional type of work, you must contact our office and demonstrate that you are able to control the firm with respect to that additional type of work.

Your firm's current DBE certification status with the NYSUCP will remain effective for as long as your firm continues to meet all DBE certification eligibility requirements. However, this certification is contingent upon the firm affirming its eligibility annually. You must submit to our office on the anniversary date of this notice, a sworn affidavit attesting that there have been no changes in circumstances affecting your ability to meet the size, disadvantaged status, ownership or control requirements; or any material changes in the information provided in your application for DBE certification. In the event that there are changes, you are required to notify our office within 30 days of such changes. Failure to adhere to these requirements will initiate a proceeding to remove your firm's DBE certification.

Your firm will now be included in the NYSUCP Directory of firms that have been certified as DBEs in New York State (<http://biznet.nysucp.net>). Once a firm is certified as a DBE, it remains certified until and unless its certification has been removed. Therefore, as
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long as your firm is listed in the NYSUCP Directory, it will continue to be certified as a DBE in New York State. In order to maintain an accurate Directory, please make us aware of any updates in your business address, phone and fax numbers, email address or website address.

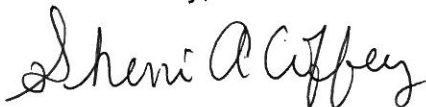
The NYSUCP reserves the right to review your firm's DBE certification eligibility at any time in light of changed circumstances, a complaint or receipt of other information concerning the firm's eligibility.

As a newly certified DBE in New York State, you should be aware that the New York State Division of Minority and Women's Business Development reviews applications from businesses that may be eligible to be certified as a MWBE firm in New York. A streamlined MWBE application process is available for firms that are currently certified as a DBE at: <http://www.esd.ny.gov/MWBE/GetCertified.html>. New York also has several assistance programs for minority and women-owned business enterprises including the NYS Surety Bond Assistance Program which provides technical and financial assistance to help contractors secure surety bonding. For more information, please see the New York State Business First Resource Center at <http://www.nyfirst.ny.gov/ResourceCenter/MWBEMenu.html>.

Additionally, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) can guarantee bonds for contracts up to \$2 million; covering bid, performance and payment bonds for small and emerging contractors who cannot obtain surety bonds through regular commercial channels. To learn more about the Surety Bond Guarantee Program, call 800-U-ASK-SBA (800-827-5722) or visit <http://www.sba.gov>.

We are pleased to have your firm as a participant in the NYSUCP and wish you much success. If you have any questions, please contact our office at dbecert@dot.ny.gov or at (518) 457-3180.

Sincerely,



Sherri A. Coffey
DBE Certification Unit