

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2010, ("Effective Date") by and between Leon County, FL, a Charter County, and a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida (herein referred to as County) and State of Florida Department of Management Services Office of Supplier Diversity (herein referred to as State).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, minority, service-disabled veteran, and women owned business enterprises ("Minority Business Enterprises") seeking to participate in state and local governmental programs for minority business assistance ("Program") are required to provide separate certifications to each governmental entity to establish eligibility to participate in the Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 287.09431, Florida Statutes, "Statewide and Interlocal Agreement on Certification of Business concerns for the status of Minority Business Enterprise" provided that the State has the authority to create a standardized process to certify Minority Business Enterprises seeking to participate in the Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce barriers created by duplicate certification and to increase the number of minority and women owned business enterprises participating in opportunities afforded by the State, the State has created joint certification agreements; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote diversity and to facilitate the use of all small businesses including minority and women owned business enterprises, as required by the State, the County in accordance with its M/WBE policy agrees to accept certification granted by the State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity, provided they meet the County's certification criteria.

NOW, WHEREFORE, the County and State agree as follows:

1. The State shall ensure that each applicant meets the definition of a minority and/or women-owned business enterprise and shall certify or re-certify, as applicable, that the applicant is qualified to participate in the State's Supplier Diversity Program, in accordance with Florida law.
2. The State shall grant certification to a firm who has been certified as a minority or women-owned business enterprise from the County, provided they supply a copy of its minority and/or women-owned business enterprise certification, register in the MyFloridaMarketplace.com vendor system and meet all other State criteria.
3. The County shall grant certification to a firm who has been certified as a minority or women-owned business enterprise by the State of Florida's Office of Supplier Diversity, provided they supply a copy of its certification and meet the County's certification criteria.

- 4. The State and the County shall notify each other in writing in a timely manner of the revocation or decertification of any business certification in their region. For purposes of this MOU, the region shall include the following counties: Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, and Wakulla.
- 5. This MOU will be effective as of the Effective Date, shall continue for an initial term of three (3) years, and shall automatically renew for subsequent terms of one (1) year, unless otherwise terminated by a party.
- 6. Either party may terminate this MOU during the initial term, or during any renewal term with or without cause upon providing the other party with thirty (30) days prior written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of Leon County, FL and the State of Florida Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity, have read this Memorandum of Understanding and hereto have affixed their signatures this _____ day of _____, 2010.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Parwez Alam, County Administrator

ATTEST:
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court
Leon County, Florida

BY: _____

Approved as to Form:
Leon County Attorney's Office

BY: _____
Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq.
County Attorney

State of Florida Department of Management Services Office of Supplier Diversity

BY: _____
Linda H. South, Secretary
Department of Management Services

BY: _____
Torey L. Alston, Executive Director
DMS-Office of Supplier Diversity

BY: _____
John Brenneis
General Counsel, DMS

Witness Signature
Print: _____