

DECLARATION OF CERTIFICATION OF MINORITY STATUS

I (We) have completed and submitted the Minority Business Information System (MBISYS) form as requested by the **Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council** and hereby certify that the information contained herein and all attachments submitted are true and correct and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief. I (We) understand that this Declaration of Certification and the criteria set forth have been developed according to the guidelines established by the NATIONAL MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. The certification, when granted, will be for a one (1) year period. I (We) further understand that completion and submission of this form, together with all attachments hereto, is not necessarily the sole criteria for determining certification of minority status by the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council.

I (We) acknowledge that if the Council discovers that a statement has been made herein which the applicant knows to be false, the certification process will be terminated immediately. I (We) agree that all materials submitted with this package shall become the property of the Council.

I (We) further agree that once certified, the continued certification by the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council will be according to the guidelines, rules and regulations of the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council and the NATIONAL MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL and may be amended from time to time. Termination of my (our) status may be based upon, but not necessarily limited to, any one of the following:

1. Cessation of business operation by the minority business concern.
2. Discovery that any false information was knowingly supplied to the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council in the completion of this form or as contained in any attachments submitted.
3. Failure to provide timely notice or withholding of any notice to the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council of the transfer or loss of ownership and/or management and control of the business concern by its minority group members.
4. Failure or refusal to allow the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council and/or its representative access to the company's place of business upon reasonable notice and demand for the purpose of a site visit.
5. Sale, exchange, or transfer of ownership of the minority business concern, if such transfer results in the loss of control and ownership of the business concern by the minority group members.

I (We) understand and agree that the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council reserves the right to request any further and additional information that it may deem necessary to substantiate the information and representations made by the applicant (applicants) for certification. I (We) declare that the company in whose name this application is being submitted is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one or more minority individuals (as defined herein) and such individuals control, operate and manage the company.

The undersigned hereby agrees (agree) to hold Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, and damages whatsoever arising out of the presentation of this application and agrees to indemnify and hold Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council harmless for any and all liability in connection with the certification of the information contained in this application.

The undersigned hereby declares (declare) under penalty of perjury that all statements made in this application and any attachments hereto are true and correct. I understand that the Application Fee is non-refundable.

Business Name _____

Signature of all Proprietor, Partners and President of the Corporation

Date _____

Please have this form **NOTARIZED**, retain a copy of this form for your files and return the original and the attachments to:
Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council, 800 West 6th Street, Suite 850, Los Angeles, CA 90017

State of _____

County of _____

On _____ 20____, before me, (name) _____ the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared (name) _____, personally known to me, or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, to be the person(s) whose name (s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she they executed in the same in his/her their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) of the entity upon which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public _____ (Seal)

Commission Expires _____

NOTE: Public Law 99-272, the "Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985," which amends Section 16 of the Small Business Act, establishes penalties of up to a \$50,000 fine or imprisonment of up to five years, or both, for misrepresenting, in writing, the status of any concern or small business owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (a "DBE") in order to obtain for oneself or another any prime subcontract to be awarded as a result or in furtherance or any provision of federal law that specifically references Section 8(D) if the Small Business Act for a definition of eligibility.

I acknowledge that I will print a copy of the Declaration of Certification of Minority Status to be signed by the Proprietor, Partners, or President of the Company, notarized, and submitted to the Council along with the non-refundable processing fee and required documentation requested in the next section of this application.