CERTIFICATION OF USEFUL BUSINESS FUNCTION

I hereby certify that my firm is engaged in a ‘useful business function’ as defined by Florida Law, which is excerpted below. I understand that pursuant to section 287.094, Florida Statutes, the submission of false information may subject me or the business to rescission of contracts, forfeiture of payments, and debarment from future business with the State of Florida.

Further, I certify that I have read and fully understand section 287.094, Florida Statutes, which provides that it is unlawful for any individual to falsely claim to be a minority business enterprise for purposes of qualifying for certification. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a felony of the second degree.

I and the named firm understand and acknowledge that the above representations are material and important, and will be relied on by the State of Florida. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this certification is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the State of Florida of the true facts relating to this submission.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF ________________________________

Name of individual (please print): ____________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared ____________________________, who was authenticated as described below, and after first being duly sworn in, did depose and say that s/he did execute the foregoing Certification of Useful Business Function and that the same are true, accurate, and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me this ____ day of __________________________, ________.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally known __________OR Produced identification________________________________________________

Type of identification produced_____________________________________________________________________

Section 287.0943(2)(e)3, Florida Statutes:
Require that prospective certified minority business enterprises be currently performing or seeking to perform a useful business function. A “useful business function” is defined as a business function which results in the provision of materials, supplies, equipment, or services to customers. Acting as a conduit to transfer funds to a nonminority business does not constitute a useful business function unless it is done so in a normal industry practice. As used in this section, the term “acting as a conduit” means, in part, not acting as a regular dealer by making sales of material, goods, or supplies from items bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold to the public in the usual course of business. Brokers, manufacturer’s representatives, sales representatives, and nonstocking distributors are considered as conduits that do not perform a useful business function, unless normal industry practice dictates.