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April 20, 2023

Herculean Embroidery, LLC

Attn: Roman Gage
1200 South Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, La 70806

Dear Roman Gage:

Congratulations! The Louisiana Department of Transportation (LADOTD) Compliance Programs Office, on behalf of the Louisiana Unified Certification Program (LAUCP), is pleased to notify you that your company has been certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 23, 26, and all the laws of this state applicable to the transaction of business.

The LAUCP has been established to facilitate statewide DBE certification. It eliminates the need for DBE applicant firms to obtain certification from multiple agencies and provides reciprocity within Louisiana. The Louisiana Department of Transportation (LADOTD), the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) are the only certifying agencies, which comprise the LAUCP.

Your firm has been certified to perform services as described in the following North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) & DOTD Work code(s):

NC315210-Cut and Sew Apparel Contractors
NC315990-Apparel Accessories and Other Apparel Manufacturing
NC315999-Safety Equipment-Self illuminating Safety Products
NC323113-Commercial Screen Printing
C39-Commercial Printing
NC323115-Digital Printing
D12-Printing of Promotional Items
NC423990-Other Miscellaneous Durable Goods Merchant Wholesalers

Your firm's designation as a DBE will appear on the official Louisiana UCP DBE Directory website at www.laucp.org. This directory consists of DBE firms certified by all of the above-mentioned agencies.

Per the federal regulations, suppliers only receive 60% goal credit towards the materials they provide. Any contractor performing work in excess of \$50,000 with the exception of electrical, mechanical and plumbing, which are required to have a license if work is in excess of \$10,000, requires a Louisiana Contractor's License. You may contact the State Licensing Board for Contractors at (225) 765-2301 for more information.

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In accordance with 49 CFR paragraph 26.83 (j), you must provide to the LAUCP, every year on the anniversary of the date of your certification, **April 30, 2024**, an affidavit sworn to by the firm's owner, along with all supporting documents (**Business taxes with all attachments, such as 1098, 1099, K-1's and/or W-2's**) stating your firm continues to meet the eligibility requirements of the program. If you fail to provide this affidavit in a timely manner, you will be deemed to have failed to cooperate under 49 CFR Part 26. 109(c). An email informing you to submit the necessary documentation will be forwarded to you approximately six (6) weeks prior to your anniversary date. However, should you not receive notification for your annual affidavit, contact this office. The responsibility to assure continued certification is yours. Failure to continue your eligibility will result in immediate action to decertify your firm. Additionally, in accordance with 49 CFR paragraph 26.83 (i), as a DBE, you must notify our office, immediately in writing of change in circumstances affecting your ability to meet size, disadvantaged status, ownership or control of your firm. You must provide the written notification within 30 days of the occurrence of the change.

The LADOTD has contracted with SJB Group, LLC to provide DBE Supportive Services to all certified DBE's, in the LAUCP, at no cost to you. This consultant can offer your firm assistance and guidance on areas such as marketing, estimating, bidding, financial preparations, etc. Please feel free to contact Jackie des Bordes or Kenyatta Sparks with the SJB Group, LLC at (225) 769-3400 for any assistance needed to grow your organization.

The Louisiana UCP certifying entity reserves the right to withdraw this certification if at any time it is determined your certification was knowingly obtained by false, misleading will, or incorrect information. The Louisiana UCP certifying entity also reserves the right to request additional information and/or conduct an onsite visit at any time during the certification period to verify any documentation submitted in the application for certification. By accepting certification, your firm hereby consents to the examination of its books and documents by the certifying entity's DBE Program.

We are pleased to have you as a participant in the LAUCP and wish you much success.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, contact the LADOTD DBE Certification Unit at (225) 379-1382.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Wallace

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DBE/SBE Programs Manager

Enclosure (Certificate)



LOUISIANA UNIFIED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)

Small Business Element (SBE)

This is to certify that under Title 49, Part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations
& under the State of Louisiana United Certification Program (LAUCP)

Herculean Embroidery, LLC

Is a Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) & Small Business Element (SBE) in the following specialties:

NC315210, NC315990, NC315999, NC323113
NC323115, NC423990

NOTE: There may be other approved NAICS Codes. The online DBE Directory includes a complete list of approved codes.

Certificate Eligibility: April 2023 to April 2024

This certificate is valid through the above date provided. This firm meets the on-going programmatic standard and fulfills the annual update requirement to remain in good standing as a DBE. This certification is subject to annual verification and suspension or revocation based upon reasonable cause to believe that the firm is ineligible.

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