

affirming that there have been no changes in your firm's economic disadvantaged status, ownership or control. In the event that there are changes, please be advised that you are required to notify the NYSDOT, within 30 days, of any changes in your business' ownership, control and/or operations including address, telephone number, business services and capabilities. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the removal of DBE certification.

Your firm will be included in the NYSUCP Directory (<http://biznet.nysucp.net>) which will indicate the type of work that your firm has been certified to perform.

Please note that any of the Certifying Partners of the NYSUCP reserves the right to review your firm's certification eligibility prior to your firm's participation on a federally assisted project for their agency or at any time that it is determined that such reevaluation is warranted.

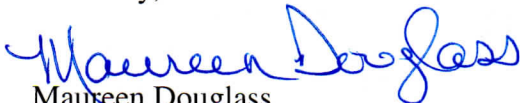
As a newly certified DBE highway and bridge construction contractor, you are eligible to receive a free one-year subscription to Bid Express (Bid-X). Bid-X is a Web-based subscription service that provides for the electronic submission of contract bids by contractors for NYSDOT contracts. To learn more about the features and benefits of Bid-X, please contact NYSDOT Office of Civil Rights at OCR-SBN@dot.state.ny.us.

In addition, as a newly certified DBE you should be aware that 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, please call 800-U-ASK-SBA (800-827-5722) or visit <http://www.sba.gov/index.html>.

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

Should you have any questions, please email DBEcert@dot.state.ny.us, or call (518) 457-3180.

Sincerely,



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