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SHANNAN STARLING ASTRA SOLUTIONS L.L.C. 12 ARCH ST NW HUNTSVILLE, AL 35758

Dear SHANNAN STARLING:

Congratulations! Your firm has been certified as a Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program (WOSB Program), as set forth in Title 13, Part 127 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

In order to maintain your certification, your firm is required to annually attest that it meets the WOSB Program requirements set forth in 13 CFR Part 127. This annual attestation must be submitted within 30 days of the anniversary date of your certification, which is the date on this letter. Additionally, your firm must undergo a program examination every three years conducted by SBA or a third-party certifier. Instructions for maintaining WOSB certification are available at 13 CFR 127.400 and at <u>https://beta.Certify.sba.gov</u>.

Your firm must immediately notify SBA of any material changes that could affect its eligibility. 13 CFR 127.401. This notification must be in writing and must be uploaded into the firm's profile in beta.Certify.sba.gov. Your firm must not misrepresent its WOSB certification status to any other party, including any local or State government contracting official or the Federal government or any of its contracting officials.

As a certified WOSB, there are valuable free resources available to you. These include:

SBA Resource Partners: For general assistance on various topics, information on SBA programs, and upcoming small business events in your area. You can find your local resource partner by visiting: <u>https://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance.</u>

All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

 WOSB website: For specific resources on government contracting and the WOSB Federal Contracting Program, please visit: <u>https://www.sba.gov/wosbready.</u>

As a WOSB certified firm in the WOSB Federal Contracting Program, **you CAN** use the <u>WOSB Icon</u> on your business' website, business cards, social media profiles, and in your capability statements and proposal bids. However, **you CANNOT** use the digital icon to express or imply endorsement of any goods, services, entities, or individuals. Thus, **the digital icon CANNOT be used** on a company's letterhead, marketing materials or advertising, whether paid or public service announcement (PSA), traditional or digital. The following are instructions to access your digital icon:

- 1. Visit the following link: <u>https://www.sba.gov/brand/for-partners/resource-partners-grantees/;</u>
- 2. Under General Materials, click on "Decals and Web Icons";
- 3. The Icons should download on your computer; select "Open File"; and
- 4. Select/use only the Icon(s) that reflect the Program(s) in which you are currently certified

If you have general questions regarding the WOSB Program, you may submit them to the SBA via the help tab at <u>https://beta.certify.sba.gov/help</u> or check the SBA web site, <u>www.sba.gov/wosbready</u>.

Wishing you much success!

Sincerely,

Thomas J. McGrath

Thomas McGrath Deputy Director Office of Government Contracting

