



December 17, 2019

Mr. Paul Mitchell
South Coast Paper, LLC
1241 Main St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Reconsideration Decision -Gross Sales Limitation

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Business Enterprise Program Certification Subcommittee Council has rendered its decision on your firm's certification eligibility. Based on the supporting documentation submitted and review of the application, your certification has been approved from **December 2, 2019 to December 2, 2020** through the process of Recognition with CMSDC. However, your firm will be allowed to participate only on existing State Contracts pursuant to the Sales Limitation Exception under Section 10.64(b) of the Administrative Code.

Your firm's participation shall be limited to pre-existing contracts with the IPHEC contract with Office Depot. Your firm will not be listed in the Business Enterprise Program Directory as a BEP certified vendor. As part of the approval, you must provide the following supporting documentation on a quarterly basis to BEP pursuant to Section 10.64(b) of the Administrative Code - Sales Limitation Exception:

- b) A business with annual gross sales equal to or greater than the statutory maximum is eligible to participate in the program if the business can show that, if it were to receive a particular contract or subcontract, there would be a significant impact on employment of minorities, females or persons with disabilities, or in the use of BEP certified subcontractors or suppliers. Such vendors must meet all certification requirements but will not be certified or be listed in the Directory.
 - 1) For the impact to be significant in terms of employment, the business would have to hire new employees to perform the work of the contract and at least 51% of those new hires must be minority, female or persons with disabilities.
 - 2) For the impact to be significant in terms of use of subcontractors or suppliers, the business must direct 51% of the value of the contract to BEP certified vendors as subcontractors or suppliers.

c) If the business makes contractual commitments regarding hiring or use of subcontractors or suppliers, agrees to appropriate enforcement mechanisms, such as bonding or damage provisions, and meets the other requirements for certification, the Secretary, on behalf of the Council, will approve counting expenditures under that contract toward the agency's goal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 312-814-4190

Sincerely,



Elias Ricks Ngwayah II
Associate Deputy Director
Business Enterprise Program

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