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Dear Ms. Patel:

Thank you for your application submitted to SBA's Office of Small Disadvantage Business (SDB) Certification & Eligibility.

Firms seeking to be SDB certified by SBA may certify themselves to be SDBs for federal prime contracts and federal subcontracts pursuant to an Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on Friday, October 3, 2008. The regulatory change allows firms to self-represent their status for subcontracting purposes without first receiving any SDB Certification. The rule also recognizes that the benefits of being an SDB for federal prime contracts has been greatly diminished over the past years, and shifts the responsibility of identifying firms as SDBs for federal prime contracts to those limited agencies that have authority and choose to use SDB price evaluation adjustments.

As a result of this change, and the fact the above referenced rule removes SBA from the SDB certification process, we are returning the enclosed application you submitted to SBA. Your firm may self-represent its status as an SDB and the firm does not have to submit any application to SBA for SDB certification.

The regulatory change was effective October 3, 2008, and was published in the Federal Register the same day. You may locate it at Vol 73, No.193 p.57490. Please also note that the October 3, 2008 regulatory change supersedes the September 23, 2008 Federal Register notice Vol 73, No.185 p.54881. To find this information on the web go to the URL address, <http://www.gpoaccess.gov>. Click on "2008 (Volume 73) only." Select quick search, and type in "page 57490" and/or "page 54881" respectively, then hit submit.

**Special Note: For many years Philway Products Inc was certified by the SBA as a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB). See additional certification under Northern Ohio MBE (NMSDC). Philway is also a Woman Owned Business.**