



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

August 9, 2012

The Honorable Jim Renacci
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
4150 Belden Village Street, NW, Suite 408
Canton, Ohio 44718

Dear Representative Renacci:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on behalf of Ms. Lori Scholtz, President of Timberline Tractor & Marine, Inc. (Timberline).

Based on the letter to your office from Mr. Richard W. Arnold, Ms. Scholtz' counsel, Timberline had sought assistance from the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce (USWCC), an U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved Third Party Certifier. Timberline is attempting to obtain eligibility for Economically-Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business Set-Aside Program.

According to Mr. Arnold's letter to your office, USWCC has not responded to or provided a status of Timberline's certification application. However, according to USWCC, it advised Timberline that in order for it to communicate with Mr. Arnold, Timberline needed to provide authorization. USWCC sent a communication to Timberline advising the above via U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail. This communication included a "Declaration of Representation" document that, when completed, would allow USWCC to work with Mr. Arnold. On July 23, 2012, at 11:08 a.m., the U.S. Postal Service left notice of this communication with Timberline at the address provided on its application. As of this date, Timberline has failed to secure the communication from the U.S. Postal Service.

Although SBA approved USWCC to be a third party certifier, SBA is not permitted to interfere with the day to day operations of USWCC. The Agency may conduct an evaluation review of Timberline's application if requested. If Timberline would like to request SBA's review, it may upload the necessary documents into SBA's Repository at <http://www.sba.gov/content/women-owned-small-business-federal-contract-program>. If Ms. Scholtz has any questions regarding this matter, she may contact Ms. LeAnn Delaney, SBA Office of Contract Assistance Director, at (202) 205-6731.

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We appreciate your continued support of the SBA and the Ohio small business community. If you and your staff have any questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-7729.

Sincerely,

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Director
Office of Government Contracting