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December 16, 2021

Joaquin Thomas **Go Solar Construction, LLC** 10800 Lyndale Ave S Ste- 144 Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Joaquin Thomas,

The Minnesota Unified Certification Program (MnUCP), in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 (49 C.F.R. §§26 et seq.), is pleased to inform you that your firm has been certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) with the MnUCP, effective date **December 15, 2021** in the following NAICS codes:

238210- Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors

The description of services performed by your firm will be:

Electrical Contractor who specializes in Solar PV (Photovoltaics) Electric and Electric Vehicle (EV) Installations.

In order to remain certified under 49 C.F.R. Part 26, you must contact our office if any significant changes occur in your firm. This includes changes in any of the following: address, work areas the firm performs, locations that the work is conducted, and ownership of the firm.

Federal regulations require that in order to remain qualified under the DBE Program, the DBE owners must continue to demonstrate majority ownership, control of the firm's day-to-day operations, and direct and ongoing involvement in the firm's management. You must also continue to demonstrate direct involvement in contracts or projects awarded by MnUCP members, which are subject to the MnUCP DBE Program.

Additionally, on an annual basis you will be required to file a No Change Affidavit, with supporting documentation. The No Change Affidavit indicates whether there are changes regarding the firm's size, gross receipts, ownership, work areas, and that your firm continues to meet the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 to participate as a member of the DBE Program. It is deemed a failure to cooperate pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 26.109(c) if this Affidavit is not submitted in a timely manner or inaccurate information is provided.

Your firm will be listed in the DBE Directory in the work area(s) in which you have been certified. <u>http://mnucp.metc.state.mn.us</u>. The DBE Directory has a searchable database to assist contractors looking for subcontractors to work on various projects. The MnUCP recommends that, as a regular

Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Civil Rights 395 John Ireland Blvd. Mail Stop 170 St. Paul, MN 55155-1899 Phone: 651-366-3073 ocrformsubmissions.dot@state.mn.us Metropolitan Airports Commission Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 6040 28th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55450 Phone: 612-726-8193 Jeffrey.Weinhagen@mspmac.org Metropolitan Council Office of Equal Opportunity 390 Robert Street N St. Paul, MN 55101 Phone: 651-602-1163 Elaine.Ogilvie@metc.state.mn.us City of Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights 350 S 5th Street #239 Minneapolis, MN 55415 Phone: 612-673-3012 Contractcompliance@minneapolismn.gov business practice, you contact directly the organizations you are interested in working with. Detailed information concerning projects in the State of Minnesota can be obtained by contacting the specific participating MnUCP agency whose contracts you are interested in, or by visiting their website. To do business with the City of Minneapolis, you must first register as a supplier. Information about the supplier registration process is <u>linked here</u>.¹ Attached is further information about doing business with the City of Minneapolis.

As a certified DBE, you have the following responsibilities:

- Comply with all aspects of 49 C.F.R. Part 26.
- Maintain an accurate mailing address with MnUCP.
- Maintain a working phone number.
- Promptly return all solicitation calls or inquiries.
- You may also be invited to attend construction-related or business-related workshops, conferences, and seminars that may be organized by MnUCP.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information about the services provided by the City of Minneapolis, you may contact Aidan Dunne at (612) 673-2602 or at <u>aidan.dunne@minneapolismn.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Brian Walsh, Assistant Director Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights

ATTACHMENT: Doing Business with the City of Minneapolis

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¹ https://www.minneapolismn.gov/business-services/doing-business-with-the-city/