



JANUARY 24, 2006

DALE OLSON
SMEAD MANUFACTURING CO (THE)
600 SMEAD BOULEVARD
HASTINGS, MN 55033

Dear Minority Business Participant:

We are pleased to inform you that your business has been recertified with Amtrak as a Minority or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE). The appropriate buyers have been informed and you remain eligible for participation in Amtrak's procurement process.

The recertification is for a period of two (2) years and your revised expiration date is shown below. It is your responsibility to request continuation of your certification by letter at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date. The letter should include an update of your affidavit, such as changes in ownership, commodity categories, supplies/services, etc..

Please contact this office at (202) 906-3600, if you have questions or need assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodney P. Ruffin".

Rodney P. Ruffin
Director
Supplier Diversity Office

EXPIRATION DATE : JANUARY 24, 2008