



Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equal Business Enterprise Certification Letter

March 21, 2023

Monroe Barnes, President
M.B.J. Consultants, Inc
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CINCINNATI, OH

CERTIFICATION NUMBER: EDGE - 202301-1757

Effective Dates: March 21, 2023 - March 21, 2025

Dear Monroe Barnes, President:

The Ohio Department of Development (Development) has reviewed your business's application to obtain certification as an Encouraging Diversity Growth and Equal (EDGE) Business Enterprise in Ohio. Having satisfied the requirements set forth in Section 123:2-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) as required, we are pleased to inform you that M.B.J. Consultants, Inc is hereby certified by as an EDGE Business Enterprise.

This certification letter shall serve as the state's official certification.

This letter also acknowledges that M.B.J. Consultants, Inc has been categorized under the Construction category for EDGE program participation.

As a certified EDGE Business Enterprise M.B.J. Consultants, Inc must inform Development in writing (letter or email) within 30 days of any occurrence of material change(s). A material change is defined as any change in circumstances affecting the business or the at least 51 percent eligible owner(s), including but not limited to current contact information, changes in ownership, business structure, independence, managerial and/or operational control, or any change in the information provided in its application including changes in management responsibility among owner(s) of the certified business. Similar notification must be provided to Development of any changes to the company's name, business address, email address, telephone numbers, principal products/service, or other basic contact and commercial activity information. For additional information, please refer to OAC 123:2-14-01, 123:2-14-02, and 123:2-07. Failure to notify Development of any material change is cause for revocation of M.B.J. Consultants, Inc's EDGE certification.

Re-certification may be done up to one month prior to the expiration date of this certification. At that time, M.B.J. Consultants, Inc must submit a completed Re-certification Application for Development's review relative to M.B.J. Consultants, Inc's eligibility for continued participation in the EDGE program.

If you need any assistance or have questions about the EDGE program, please contact Development's Minority Business Certification and Compliance Unit at 614-466-5700.

Congratulations on your certification as an EDGE Business Enterprise and thank you for choosing to do business in Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica L. Womack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Monica L. Womack
Chief, Minority Business Development Division