
RE: TS-24-12 Axis Cameras / Evaluation /GNM Hough Inc.

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Good Afternoon Byron,

Section 295, Fla. Stat., provides that the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) may certify certain businesses as a “Veteran Business Enterprise” subject to certain conditions (included below). Further, the Office of Supplier Development, which is referenced in the certificate provided to the City by GNM Hough Inc, operates within the DMS with the purpose of assisting Florida small businesses.

GNM Hough Inc’s vendor registration information, including confirmation of its Veteran-Owned designation can be found at the following [link](#).

As you indicate in your email, Sec. 35.37 of the City Code provides that the definitions provided therein shall apply “unless context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning[.]” Although the City has not been presented by the with a Determination Letter from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Center as required by the Code, the certificate provided by GNM is sufficient to satisfy the veteran-owned business provisions under the City’s Procurement Code.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions regarding this matter.

“(c) “Veteran business enterprise” means an independently owned and operated business that:

1. Employs 200 or fewer permanent full-time employees;
2. Together with its affiliates has a net worth of \$5 million or less or, if a sole proprietorship, has a net worth of \$5 million or less including both personal and business investments;
3. Is organized to engage in commercial transactions;
4. Is domiciled in this state;
5. Is at least 51 percent owned by one or more wartime veterans or service-disabled veterans; and
6. The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more wartime veterans or service-disabled veterans or, for a service-disabled veteran having a permanent and total disability, by the spouse or permanent caregiver of the veteran.”

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Good afternoon Paul,

Hope you had a pleasant weekend.

We need your guidance as we have a vendor that claims to be a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) for TS-24-12.

The certificate they presented was issued by the State of Florida (Office of Supplier Diversity) and not one from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs as specified in our City's code of ordinance:

§ 35.37 MILITARY VETERAN'S PREFERENCE.

(A) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS. A business entity which has received a Determination Letter from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Center for Verification and Evaluation notifying the business that they have been approved as a veteran owned small business (VOSB).

Would this certificate qualify for our VOSB preference? I highlighted the language that potentially leaves it open for interpretation.

Please see the attached certificate.

Regards,

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