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BY EMAIL/FAX

Dear Certified Business Owner,

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was passed by Congress and then signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act is the single largest domestic spending program in U.S. history and is designed to stimulate the economy, create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years and make significant improvements to the nation's infrastructure.

Airport, highway, road and transit projects funded by the ARRA represent an important opportunity for firms in Philadelphia and across Southeastern Pennsylvania to create jobs and literally build a better Philadelphia region.

The City of Philadelphia, SEPTA and PennDOT will all require contractors to comply with Federal Regulations regarding equal opportunity, compliance and record keeping provisions regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Historically Underutilized Business Enterprises and Minority, Women and Disabled Owned Enterprises.

Firms prepared to participate in ARRA projects, whether bidding as a prime contractor or participating as a subcontractor, should look for project information to be advertised in the Philadelphia Tribune and posted on the following City of Philadelphia, PennDOT, SEPTA and Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PAUCP) websites:

City of Philadelphia Contracts Online – <http://www.phila.gov/contracts/>

PennDOT Engineering and Construction Management System –

<http://www.dotdom2.state.pa.us/>

SEPTA – <http://www.septa.org/business/>

Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program – <http://www.paucp.com>

Sincerely,

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