

EXECUTIVE ORDER #72

Relating to the Certification Application Requirements and Procedures of Minority-Owned, Woman-Owned, and Disabled-Veteran-Owned Businesses

WHEREAS, the establishment of minority-owned, woman-owned, and disabled-veteran-owned businesses has a significant positive impact on Wisconsin's community and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the development of minority-owned, woman-owned, and disabled-veteran-owned businesses in Wisconsin is an important part of Wisconsin's economy and the creation of jobs; and

WHEREAS, minority-owned, woman-owned, and disabled-veteran-owned businesses have faced mounting pressures during the downturn of the nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, minority-owned, woman-owned, and disabled-veteran-owned businesses deserve increased opportunities and financial assistance for business development and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, business certification programs administered by the State of Wisconsin increase and facilitate contracting capabilities with the public and private sectors;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do hereby order:

- 1. The Department of Administration, pursuant to its authority in Wis. Stat. § 16.287 and Wis. Admin. Code ADM § 84.21, to waive all of the certification application requirements and procedures under Wis. Admin. Code ADM § 84.14 for any minority-owned Wisconsin business, as defined by Wis. Admin. Code ADM § 84.02(2), that is already certified by a state, federal, or local agency, or a private business if the department determines that the agency's or business's certification procedure is substantially equivalent to its own.
- 2. The Department of Administration, pursuant to its authority in Wis. Stat. § 16.285 and Wis. Admin. Code ADM § 83.90, to waive all of the certification application requirements and procedures under Wis. Admin. Code ADM § 83.20 for any woman-owned Wisconsin business that is already certified by another public-sector agency if the department determines that the agency's standards for certification and certification procedures are substantially equivalent to its own.
- 3. The Department of Administration, pursuant to its authority in Wis. Stat. § 16.283 and Wis. Admin. Code ADM § 82.90, to waive all of the certification application requirements and procedures under Wis. Admin. Code ADM § 82.20 for any disabled-veteran-owned business, financial adviser, or investment firm that is already certified by another public-sector agency if the department determines that the agency's standards for certification and certification procedures are substantially equivalent to its own.

4. The Department of Administration to promulgate rules under the explicit statutory authority found in Wis. Stat. §§ 16.283(4) and 16.285(1)(c) to waive the certification application requirements and procedures for disabled-veteran- and woman-owned businesses that are already certified by a state, federal, or local agency or a private business if the department determines that the agency's or business's certification procedure is substantially equivalent to its own.



By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-fifth day of May, in the year two

thousand twelve.

SCOTT WALKER

Governor