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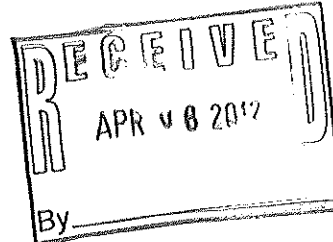
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Mr. Steven Longo
Albany Housing Authority
200 South Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12202



Re: SHARS ID #:20096045 – South End Revitalization II

Dear Partner:

New York State has enacted Article 15-A of the Executive Law, to promote equal opportunity in contracting for all persons, without discrimination for minority group members and women and business enterprises owned by them, and to eradicate the barriers that have impaired access by minority and women-owned business enterprises to State contracting opportunities.

In February 2011, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a mandate, that every agency and authority of New York State meet a 20% MWBE participation goal. New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), supports the Governor's mandate, and it is the agency's mission to ensure increased MWBE activity within the area of procurement of services, commodities, construction and bond related contract activities.

The Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity (OFHEO), would like to commend you on your efforts in meeting and/or exceeding the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals for the subject project. We appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with you on future projects.

Remember, the Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity is a resource, and is here to assist you!

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