

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT of GREATER CHICAGO RESOLUTION

SPONSORED *by the* BOARD of COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING *the*

CHICAGO MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

WHEREAS, the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (CMSDC) is committed to supporting the development and continued success of minority businesses through its various initiatives aimed at providing valuable educational tools and resources. CMSDC is the founding organization that lead to the formation of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). The CMSDC is one of twenty-four partner organizations which compose the NMSDC; and

WHEREAS, the principles of the CMSDC are simple: partnership and fairness. The original members of the CMSDC believed that for minority businesses to thrive, they needed to have the ability to form partnerships with corporations and government agencies. Equally important was the premise that basic fairness had to exist in the business market to provide adequate opportunities for minority businesses to grow. The CMSDC believes that productive business partnerships with minority businesses not only benefits the businesses themselves, but the larger economy; and

WHEREAS, the CMSDC certifies businesses that are owned by Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American entrepreneurs. To be certified, a business must be 51% owned by qualifying individuals and must be physically located within the United States. Approximately 300 minority businesses are certified each year; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Business Opportunity Fair (Fair) is the signature event of the CMSDC. This year the 55th Annual Fair will be held on May 10th. The theme of the Fair is “Creating Our Future”. Over 1,000 participants are expected to attend the Fair for an opportunity to network with corporations, government agencies, and other minority businesses; and

WHEREAS, the CMSDC is a vital instrument within the business sphere which increases the probability of success for minority owned businesses that might otherwise struggle with making valuable networking connections, accessing necessary supplies, and gaining valuable business guidance. The CMSDC serves as a bridge that assists minority businesses in being prosperous; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and our staff, do hereby recognize the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, , that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.



DATED THIS 7th DAY of APRIL, 2022.

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