



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

June 5, 2012

The Honorable Mike Crapo
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Crapo:

Thank for your inquiries on May 24 and May 29, 2012, on the behalf of Ms. Kim Campbell of WOCON LLC (WOCON) who is requesting clarification of the date the firm was decertified from the HUBZone Program.

The release of the 2010 decennial census triggered a re-drawing of the boundaries of HUBZone areas nationwide. The boundaries are determined by a number of factors, including the statutorily mandated expiration of re-designated HUBZones and the designation of newly qualified nonmetropolitan counties, which became effective on October 1, 2011, and the newly Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs), which will be effective on January 1, 2013.

WOCON is located at 465 South 11th West, Saint Anthony, Idaho 83445, which is in Fremont County. Fremont County is a non-metropolitan county with a HUBZone designation based on the 1990 Census. On August 8, 2002, Fremont County lost its HUBZone designation based on changes in unemployment, and it was redesignated for three years as required by statute. When its redesignation expired on August 8, 2005, the county was reinstated based on a December 2004 statutory amendment to the Small Business Act, which kept its redesignation until the public release of the first results from the 2010 decennial census, which occurred on October 1, 2011. Consequently, areas such as Fremont County were provided an extended "grandfathering" period beyond the original statutorily required three years, (See Pub. L. 108-447 (2004)).

WOCON was decertified on May 21, 2012 due to these changes. WOCON is eligible to reapply for HUBZone certification August 21, 2012 if they meet all statutory and regulatory requirements.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause Ms. Campbell but assure you that her application will receive the same fair and thorough review as all other HUBZone applications. Ms. Campbell may check the status of her application by contacting the HUBZone Helpdesk at hubzone@sba.gov or by phoning (202) 205-8885.

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We appreciate your continued support of the Idaho small business community. If you and your staff have any questions, please contact our Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

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