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William N. Arterburn, CEO
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FEBRUARY 27, 2001 LETTER REGARDING AFDM6-EX-COMPETENT

Mr. Arterburn:

The Alaska District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) received a letter to Susan Roggenkamp from Bering Sea Eccotech on February 27, 2001. I had presumed based on the intervening events that a formal response was not necessary. I was advised that you were still anticipating a response. This letter is that response.

SBA headquarters has told the Alaska District Office that the Federal Surplus Property Program under the 8(a) Program is on hold pending resolution of certain policy concerns. Further this office was advised that a policy notice would be shortly issued. Whether the entire program is on hold or if the hold only applies to certain types of property is not clear to this office. Until further clarification is obtained, I can not provide a legal opinion that the office has the authority to execute any documents that effect transfer of property to an 8(a) concern.

In response to your question as to whether Bering Sea Eccotech, Inc. is a participant in the 8(a) program and is currently not subject to any debarment, suspension or other procedures that would have the effect of making it ineligible, the facts and information currently available to the Alaska District Office, Bering Sea Excotech is a firm in the SBA 8(a) program and it is not currently subject to any proceedings that has the effect of suspending, debarring or otherwise making it ineligible.

I hope this response is useful to you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully,


Jon M. DeVore
District Counsel

cc: Susan Roggenkamp