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December 20, 2011

Hon. Secretary Eric K. Shinseki
Secretary, Department of Veteran Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C. 20420

*RE: Ms. Lisa Wolford/ CSSS.NET; Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Listing
as SDVO SB*

Dear Secretary Shinseki:

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter that I wrote to Thomas Loney regarding my client, Ms. Lisa Wolford, who has been wrongfully denied inclusion in the VA VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (VIP) Verification Program.

I am sure that you are aware that there have been widespread problems with the application of new rules to the VetBiz VIP Program. The new rules were written to address dishonesty and fraud among federal contractors masquerading as service disabled veterans. Unfortunately, application of these rules has been uneven at best and has resulted in many of the veterans for whom the program was designed being unjustifiably excluded among them our client CSSS.NET. CSSS.NET has lost out on several contract opportunities as a result of its wrongful exclusion from the VetBiz VIP Program. Such a misapplication of the rules is intolerable and denies a legitimate SDVOB an opportunity to avail itself of the very benefit Congress intended when it passed the legislation. I hope you will give this matter the attention it deserves to avoid litigation.

Sincerely,



Haytham Faraj

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Enclosure

Cc: Ms. Lisa Wolford



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December 16, 2011

Via email: vacorecons@va.gov

Via USPS First Class Mail

Mr. Thomas J. Leney, Executive Director
Small and Veteran Business Programs
Department of Veteran Affairs
Center for Veteran Enterprise
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C. 20420

Re: Ms. Lisa Wolford/ CSSS.NET; Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Listing as SDVOSB

Dear Mr. Leney:

This law firm represents Ms. Lisa Wolford and CSSS.NET, her company. Based on your letter dated October 24, 2011, finding that CSSS.NET has been denied for inclusion in the VA VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (VIP) Verification Program, Ms. Wolford filed a Request for Reconsideration on November 3, 2011. The 60 day period required by 38 CFR §74.13 for the CVE to provide a decision regarding the status of CSSS.net as a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) will therefore end on January 3, 2012. We are particularly concerned by the casual pace of the process given the ample evidence available to your agency confirming that CSSS.NET is verified and certified by the SBA as an (8)a/SDB firm.

Ms. Wolford has directed me to write to you for the following two purposes:

1. To offer any and all assistance that you require that has already not been provided in clarifying for CVE any issue with regard to the status of CSSS.NET as a SDVOSB. She stands ready to put her accountant, business attorney, estate tax attorney and any other knowledgeable person at your disposal in your review of her application so that she may be able to reinstate the VetBiz VIP listing of CSSS.NET.

2. As you know, she began the arduous process of updating CSSS.NET's status under the new rules in March, 2011. In the ensuing months she has provided voluminous documentation requested by CVE, resulting in an erroneous denial on August 23, 2011. You reviewed her application during September and October, 2011, and issued a second denial on October 24, 2011 on different grounds, as erroneous as those for the first denial. In the event that the CVE either persists in its refusal to restore CSSS.NET's listing or fails to make a decision

within the 60 day period required by 38 CFR §74.13, Ms. Wolford will be pursuing any and all legal remedies that are available to her in order to obtain the relief she seeks from the denial of her company's rightful status as a SDVOSB.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Haytham Faraj', written over the printed name.

Haytham Faraj

HF/mjp

Cc: Ms. Lisa Wolford
Hon. Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Department of Veteran's Administration
Mr. Will A. Gunn, General Counsel, Department of Veteran's Affairs