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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
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CTI Environmental, Inc.
4401 Atlantic Blvd., Suite 200
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Re: Mentor Protégé Agreement between Thomas Land Clearing Company (Mentor) and CTI Environmental, Inc. (Protégé)

Dear Ms. Thorne,

Welcome to the SBA Mentor Protégé Program. I am pleased to advise you that your Mentor Protégé (MP) Agreement was approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) on May 24, 2017.

The purpose of the program is to encourage Mentors to provide a broad range of business development assistance to Protégés. Such assistance may include technical and/or management assistance, financial assistance in the form of equity investments and/or loans, subcontracts, and/or assistance in performing prime contracts with the Government through joint venture arrangements. The parties' signatures on the agreement attest to assent to its terms, provisions, and conditions, and to the requirements of the controlling statute and regulations. With regard to financial assistance, a copy of any loan or bonding agreement must be provided to the SBA for review prior to execution.

Approved 8(a) Mentor Protégé Agreements are considered active for a period of three (3) years and may be extended an additional three (3) years or until rescinded as part of an annual review determining that a MP Agreement should not be extended, except for automatic termination that occurs when the Protégé graduates from the 8(a) Program or is terminated earlier for other reasons or the 8(a) MP relationship may be transferred to the All Small Mentor Protégé Program with notice to SBA. In accordance with 13 CFR 124.520, MP Agreements will be reviewed each year as part of the Annual Review to determine continuance, and unless rescinded in writing at that time, will automatically renew without additional written notice of continuation or extension to remain in good standing. You will also be required to submit "Mentor/Protégé Worksheet" summarizing the Mentor Protégé relationship and benefits to date, at time of annual review. (MPA Worksheet attached.)

The SBA, the Protégé or the Mentor may request the MP agreement be dissolved. Termination of the agreement does not impact the contractual agreements undertaken during the active stages of the Mentor/Protégé relationship. Therefore, contractual obligations must be satisfied in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in such contracts.


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Joint Ventures – A joint venture between a protégé firm and its approved mentor will be deemed small provided the protégé qualifies as small for the size standard corresponding to the NAICS code assigned to the contract and has not reached the dollar limits in 13 CFR 124.519.

Prior approval by the SBA – Per 13 CFR 124.513, SBA must approve a joint venture agreement prior to the award of an 8(a) contract on behalf of the Joint Venture.

We thank you for your participation in the Mentor Protégé Program and wish both of you much success in this alliance. If further assistance is required, please contact your assigned Business Opportunity Specialist Sandra Vasquez at (818) 552-3202 or via e-mail at sandra.vasquez@sba.gov.

Sincerely,



Stephon Ash
Assistant District Director

Attachment(s): 13 CFR 124.520
 Mentor Protégé Worksheet
 13 CFR 124.513