State of South Carolina) Before the Chief Procurement Officer
County of Richland) Notice of Debarment
In Re: WE, Inc. dba WE, Incc. and)
Mr. Ray Hernand) Case 2008-208
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The South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code, §11-35-4220 authorizes the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) to debar a person or firm from consideration for award of contracts or subcontracts where there is cause. The CPO has found WE, Inc. dba WE, Inc., and Mr. Hernand in breach of a contract with the University of South Carolina CPO Case 2008-203. WE, Inc. dba WE, Inc., and Mr. Ray Hernand have failed to appear before the CPO and failed to respond to all forms of notification including public posting on the Internet and Registered US Mail relative to the breach of contract and notification of suspension.

Let it be known that WE, Inc. dba WE, Incc., and Mr. Ray Hernand are debarred from receiving contract or subcontract awards for a period of three years following restitution of losses as a result of its breach of contract with the University of South Carolina.

For the Information Technology Management Office

Michael Spicer

Chief Procurement Officer

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STATEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO APPEAL

The South Carolina Procurement Code, under Section 11-35-4210, subsection 6, states:

A decision under subsection (4) of this section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, or unless any person adversely affected by the decision requests a further administrative review by the Procurement Review Panel under Section 11-35-4410(1) within ten calendar days of posting of the decision in accordance with Section 11-35-4210(5). The request for review shall be directed to the appropriate chief procurement officer, who shall forward the request to the Panel, or to the Procurement Review Panel and shall be in writing, setting forth the reasons why the person disagrees with the decision of the appropriate chief procurement officer. The person may also request a hearing before the Procurement Review Panel.

Additional information regarding the protest process is available on the internet at the following web site:

http://www.state.sc.us/mmo/legal/lawmenu.htm

FILING FEE: Pursuant to Proviso 66.1 of the 2004 General Appropriations Act, "[r]equests for administrative review before the South Carolina Procurement Review Panel shall be accompanied by a filing fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), payable to the SC Procurement Review Panel. The panel is authorized to charge the party requesting an administrative review under the South Carolina Code Sections 11-35-4210(6), 11-35-4220(5), 11-35-4230(6) and/or 11-35-4410(4). Withdrawal of an appeal will result in the filing fee being forfeited to the panel. If a party desiring to file an appeal is unable to pay the filing fee because of hardship, the party shall submit a notarized affidavit to such effect. If after reviewing the affidavit the panel determines that such hardship exists, the filing fee shall be waived." 2004 S.C. Act No. 248, Part IB, § 66.1. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "SC PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL."

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: In order to prosecute an appeal before the Panel, a business must retain a lawyer. Failure to obtain counsel will result in dismissal of your appeal. <u>Protest of Lighting Services</u>, Case No. 2002-10 (Proc. Rev. Panel Nov. 6, 2002) and Protest of The Kardon Corporation, Case No. 2002-13 (Proc. Rev. Panel Jan. 31, 2003).