NOTICE OF CHANGE RULE LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS COMMENTS FROM JAPC:

40E-7.668 Purpose and Implementation Policy.

- (1) Rules 40E-7.668 through 40E-7.678, F.A.C., together with the materials incorporated by reference, implement the South Florida Water Management District's ("District") The rules under this Small Business Enterprise ("SBE") Program ("Program") pursuant to section 373.1135, F.S. establish policies and procedures designed to help small businesses participate in the South Florida Water Management District's ("District") procurement and contract activities.
- (2) The Program establishes policies and procedures designed to help small business participate in the District's procurement and contract activities. It is the purpose of the Program to spur economic development and support small businesses to successfully expand in the marketplace.
- (3) Applicants must be registered with the District as a vendor prior to submitting an application for Certification, as defined in Rule 40E-7.669, F.A.C. The District shall annually evaluate the progress of this Program and determine whether the specific provisions require any modification, expansion, and curtailment.
- (4) Applicants shall submit applications for Certification/Recertification using Form No. 1231, "Small Business Enterprise Certification/Recertification Application" ("Application"), *insert URL*, (effective date), which is incorporated by reference herein and is available at no cost by contacting the District's Small Business Enterprise ("SBE") Clerk's Office, South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, (800)432-2045, ext. 6446 6805, or (561)682-6446 6805, or via email sbep@sfwmd.gov. The Application must be signed by the individual with the authority to bind the Applicant.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.1135 FS. History—New 8-3-06, Amended 12-9-20, _______.

40E-7.671 District Implementation.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.1135 FS. History–New 8-3-06, Amended 8-29-13, Repealed______.

40E-7.673 Certification/Recertification Eligibility – Small Business Enterprise.

District staff shall have the authority to accept, review, approve, certify, decertify and deny applications for Certification/Recertification, as defined in Rule 40E-7.669, F.A.C. herein. Applicants must be registered with the District as a vendor prior to submitting an application for Certification.

- (1) Applicants shall submit the Application utilizing Form No. 1231, which is incorporated by reference in Rule 40E-7.668, F.A.C. applications for Certification/Recertification using Form No. 1231, "Small Business Enterprise Certification/Recertification Application", ("Application"), (effective date) (insert URL), which is incorporated by reference herein and is available at no cost by contacting the District's SBE Office, South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, (800)432-2045, ext. 6446, or (561)682-6446, or via email sbep@sfwmd.gov. The Application must be signed by the individual with the authority to bind the Applicant.
 - (2) and (3) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044	, 373.113 FS.	Law Implemented	373.1135 FS	. History–New 8-
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