

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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We hereby submit for emergency review to OMB a request to allow the public to continue to use the preexisting form 1010 and the related designated social and economic disadvantaged group forms until December 31, 2008. Revised 1010 forms were approved by your office in June, 2008. The request is made to allow the developer of our existing automated web-based 8(a) and SDB certification system sufficient time to adapt the system to the revised forms. This system brings significant benefit to the public and to the SBA by accelerating the certification review and approval processes. If the revised forms are designated for immediate release to the public, the automated system will be unusable, since it has not been updated to reflect the changes. This will result in a drastic drop in customer satisfaction as the SBA takes more time to process applications manually.

Since my arrival in the Office of Business Development in June 2007, this office has embarked on a program to transform itself into a model of efficiency and compliance with all regulatory requirements. Keeping the automated system in production until the new forms can be accommodated will prevent any disruption to our operations and keep us in compliance with our obligations.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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