



New York State  
Department of Economic Development  
Division of Minority and Women's  
Business Development

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In the matter of the appeal of

**G & E Officeworld, Inc.**

FINAL ORDER 23-10

From a denial of certification as a Woman-owned Business Enterprise pursuant to Executive Law Article 15-A.

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This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of G & E Officeworld, Inc. ("G & E" or "Appellant") pursuant to Section 144.2 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Appellant seeks reversal of the decision of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (the "Division"), dated July 19, 2022, to deny G & E's November 29, 2019, application for certification as a Woman-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

Appellant issued a request to appeal via written submission to the Division, dated August 10, 2022. A notice to proceed via written appeal was sent to G & E on October 5, 2022. Counsel for the Division, Anequa Pond, Esq., filed a written response to the Appellant's appeal request dated July 12, 2023, together with the affidavit of Certification Director, Raymond Emanuel, dated July 6, 2023. Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") David A. Murad presided over the appeal.

The issues on appeal were whether Appellant sufficiently demonstrated that the woman owner relied upon for certification (1) makes operational decisions on a day-to-day basis with respect to the critical functions of the business enterprise, as required by 5 NYCRR § 144.2(c)(2); and (2) devotes time on an ongoing basis to the daily operation of the business enterprise, as required under 5 NYCRR §144.2(c)(3).

On October 16, 2023, the Division received a Recommended Order from ALJ Murad that recommended affirmation of the Division's denial of the application to certify of G & E Officeworld, Inc. as a WBE on the grounds set forth in the Division's July 19, 2022, denial letter.

After considering the appeal record, I accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge as it pertains to the facts of this case. Incorporation by reference is hereby made with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Recommended Order.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the decision to deny certification, dated July 19, 2022, is affirmed. Accordingly, G & E Officeworld, Inc. will not be listed in the Division's directory for Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

November 27, 2023

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Jason M. Clark  
Executive Vice President and Executive Director  
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development