

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

In the matter of the appeal of

## **Green Team Dumpster Rental Inc.**

FINAL ORDER 23-11

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

This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of Green Team Dumpster Rental Inc. ("Green Team" 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 February 18, 2022, to deny Green Team's April 4, 2019, certification application as a Woman-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

Applicant submitted a written appeal, dated October 25, 2022. The Division submitted its response to the appeal, dated July 24, 2023, together with the affidavit of Matthew Lefebvre, Associate Certification Director, dated July 20, 2023. Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Deidre A. Chuckrow presided over the appeal. The issues on appeal were whether the woman owner relied upon for certification (1) made a capital contribution to the business enterprise in proportion to her equity interest demonstrated by, but not limited to, contributions of money, property, equipment or expertise, as required by 5 NYCRR § 144.2(b)(2); and (2) operates the business enterprise independently, as required under 5 NYCRR § 144.2(e).

On November 13, 2023, the Division received a Recommended Order from Judge Chuckrow that recommended affirmation of the Division's denial of the application to certify Appellant as a WBE on the grounds set forth in the Division's February 18, 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 February 18, 2022, is affirmed. Accordingly, Green Team will not be listed on the Division's directory for Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

December 27, 2023

Jason M. Clark, EVP and Executive Director

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