TO: VIP Veteran Small Business Owner

SUBJECT: Extension of Period of Eligibility During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

VA's Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) is aware of the issues and complications caused by the recent Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and its effect on our Country and the small business community.

To mitigate the adverse impact of the problems Veterans may face with COVID-19, CVE is extending the verification eligibility period an additional 60 days, for all firms verified that are scheduled to expire between April 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020. For example: If your current eligibility expires on April 26, 2020, it will be extended to June 25, 2020. CVE will continue to process all re-verification applications that have been submitted during this period.

Although the period of eligibility has been extended, please remember that verified firms have an ongoing obligation pursuant to 38 C.F.R. § 74.15(b), to inform CVE of any changes made during the firm's period of eligibility that would adversely impact the firm's requirements to maintain verification. If you are receiving this email, your verification expiration date will be extended by 60 days and your new expiration date will be reflected on your Vendor Information Page (VIP) profile. No new determination letter will be distributed as a result of this administrative action. Contracting offices use the VIP database to check for program eligibility online.

CVE will continue to uphold VA's ICARE values to provide the best customer service possible during this extraordinary time. If you have problems with any part of the verification process or associated actions or have questions, please contact the OSDBU Call Center at (866) 584-2344 and/or send an email to vip@va.gov.

Please stay safe and thank you for your participation in the Veterans First Contracting Program, and for your service to our great Country.

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