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## Greetings,

My name is Dr. Wanda Eugene, I am the Director of the Collaboratory for Inclusive Entrepreneurship at the University of Florida -Innovate. We at the Collaboratory for Inclusive Entrepreneurship are partnering with Black Orlando Tech to support minorities, women, and veterans get the proper certification they need through the Florida Business Certification Program. We are writing to request your help in getting the word out. Our goal is to reach as many businesses across the state as possible certified.

This virtual program is targeted at small minority-owned businesses to educate, instruct, guide, and assist qualified participants in obtaining Florida business enterprise certifications to improve and increase equitable business opportunities for the said target audience.

Women-, veterans- and minority-owned small businesses certified by the state are the first tier of businesses referred to by state agencies seeking to include supplier diversity as a part of their purchase order and contract opportunities. The program focus will be on all three of these certification types. It will go through the Office of Supplier Diversity certification process within the Florida Department of Management Services.

Both the Collaboratory for Inclusive Entrepreneurship and Black Orlando Tech are determined to amplify the messages and voices of minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses. This program will ensure that business owners will receive the benefits they deserve to reach this goal. Registration is open now for the next session of this program. For more information, please refer to the flyer that is attached to this email.

Thank you in advance for your help,

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