



Office of Procurement Diversity
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Mr. Herb Stokes
Managing Partner
Tag Manufacturing

Dear Mr. Stokes:

The University of Illinois System Office Of Procurement Diversity is committed to vendor development at the University of Illinois. The University's Supplier Diversity Program provides access to procurement opportunities by creating an equitable and competitive business environment through encouraging campus departments to proactively consider qualified certified businesses owned by minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veterans for their contracting needs. The Office of Procurement Diversity is proud to issue this Support Letter to SurgiPak a Division of Tag Manufacturing a certified minority owned business enterprise.

The University of Illinois System Office Of Procurement Diversity's strategic goal is to assist with building the capacity of minority business enterprises. Supporting the development of SurgiPak/Tag Manufacturing provides a small minority owned firm with the kind of assistance a small minority business needs to build and further demonstrates our commitment to diversity. SurgiPak/Tag Manufacturing mission is to build a manufacturing facility on the west-side of Chicago which would have a profound impact on this underrepresented community and

Chicagoland area were predominately African American reside. Our Office supports

SurgiPak/Tag Manufacturing core mission of:

- Producing high-quality surgical products with QA/QC and guarantee sterility
- Empowering employees with training that helps them gain new skills through technology, light manufacturing, management and logistics
- Creating Efficiencies thru sustainability
- Putting African Americans back to work and create a thriving working community.
- Social Responsible Partner

The Office of Procurement Diversity is pleased to support Tag Manufacturing business endeavors. Please contact me if you need any additional information at (312) 758-0583 or email at sharlar@uillinois.edu.

Kind regards,

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