

## Misson Statement

"Provide safe, clean, reliable, accessible, and friendly public transportation services to our region."

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June 4, 2025

Shakeel Ahmed  
United States DBA IEA Inc.  
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Houston, TX 77079-5778

**Certification Number:** 3110 **Certificate Expires:** June 4, 2028

Dear Shakeel Ahmed:

We are pleased to inform you that United States DBA IEA Inc. has been certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) by the Office of Economic Business Opportunity. Your application approval is solely based on your current Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification status. In order to continue as an active SBE firm with METRO, you are required to remain compliant with your DBE annual updates. Your firm must demonstrate proof of your current DBE or federal status from one of the following agencies listed below:

- City of Houston, Office of Business Opportunity
- City of Austin, Small Business Development
- Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority
- North Central Texas Certification Agency
- South Central Texas Certification Agency
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Unified Certification Program (Out of State DBE)
- Small Business Administration 8 (a) Certification

This Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certification is valid until June 4, 2028. After three years, your business is required to apply for certification in order to remain certified by METRO.

You must notify the Office of Economic Business Opportunity of any changes in ownership or control of your firm, if your firm is not renewed as a DBE or removed from the DBE directory, and any other matters or facts affecting your firm's eligibility for certification. METRO may commence action to remove the eligibility for United States DBA IEA Inc. for failure to notify us of any changes affecting your firm's certification or if your firm otherwise fails to cooperate with METRO in any inquiry or investigation. Removal of eligibility may also be commenced if your firm is found to be involved in bidding or contractual irregularities or Small Business Program non-compliance.

United States DBA IEA Inc. will be listed in the METRO Directory of Small Business Enterprise (SBE) in the specialty area (s) listed on page 2. The Directory can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.ridemetro.sbdbe.com/>. Your firm's participation on METRO contracts will be credited in accordance to SBE/DBE policy and procedures.

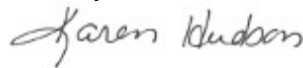
As an added benefit to your METRO certification, please be advised that the following METRO partners also accepts this certification, under their Small Business Program:

- Houston Community College
- Houston First Corporation
- Port Houston, The International Port of Texas
- Fort Bend ISD

To take advantage of this benefit, please go to their website and register your business as a vendor. As a registered vendor, you will be notified of upcoming procurement opportunities with these agencies.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Office of Economic Business Opportunity programs.

Sincerely,



Karen Hudson  
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of Economic Business Opportunity



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This firm is Certified under the following commodity codes/area(s) of specialty:  
NAICS 237130: FIBER OPTIC CABLE TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION  
NAICS 237310: HIGHWAY, STREET, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION  
NAICS 541330: ENGINEERING SERVICES

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