

September 2, 2020

Mr. Sean Carroll, Chief Procurement Officer NYS Office of General Services Procurement Services 38<sup>th</sup> Floor – Corning Tower Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12242

Re: Non-Profit recommendation on extending Mail Fulfillment Services Definition

Dear Mr. Carroll,

Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc. ("Fedcap"), based in New York City, provides Mailing Services to government agencies in NYC through the NYS Preferred Source Program. Fedcap respectfully requests the Procurement Council's thoughtful consideration on behalf of our disabled members who stand to secure employment opportunities by extending the provisional approval of Mail-Fulfillment services. To that end, Fedcap has invested in equipment with the anticipation of pursuing Mail-Fulfillment opportunities within the approved definition.

As you have often recognized, the importance of employing People with Disabilities (PWD) is a legacy that often endures the test of time, especially during a time where working age PWD are disadvantaged in finding employment services and jobs. In fact, New York State's 2018 base statistics reveal that of the approximately 1,061,050 disabled individuals of working age in the state, just 38% are participating in meaningful employment.

Thankfully, your office recognizes that all PWD can pursue and achieve employment and economic independence when provided with an opportunity.

Therefore, we ask that the Procurement Council grant the extension of the provisional approval of Mail-Fulfillment services to afford those employment opportunities to individuals who doubtlessly deserve them.

With Regards,

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