

June 29, 2022

Mr. Robert Lott Sec-Ops Inc. 5729 Leopard Street Bldg. 8 Corpus Christi, TX 78408-2358

Dear Mr. Lott:

On behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) and the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (OCPO), we offer our sincere congratulations to your firm on receiving a Small Business Award for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020! This is the 17th year of recognizing small business contractors for their exemplary performance. The DHS OSDBU established the Annual Small Business and Small Business Advocate Awards Program to recognize small businesses, small business advocates, and a mentor-protégé team for being strong, innovative business partners in advancing the Department's mission.

DHS understands the value small businesses provide in supporting the Department's missions. We are dedicated to developing strategies for small business participation in DHS contracting, which is evident in the letter grade of "A" or "A+" that DHS has received on the last twelve Annual Small Business Procurement Scorecards. The Small Business Administration uses the Scorecard to measure how well federal agencies achieve their small business contracting goals. In FY 2020, DHS received its fifth consecutive grade of "A+", the highest grade possible, and obligated over \$7.7 billion in prime contracts to small businesses—the highest amount in the Department's history. These achievements could not have been possible without the ongoing support of the small business community.

We are pleased to share Sec-Ops Inc.'s contributions with our internal and external stakeholders in the <u>FY 2020 Small Business Awards Publication</u>. A notification of this award is also posted on <u>www.sam.gov</u>.

We have included a copy of your award certificate with this letter. Again, on behalf of OSDBU, OCPO, the Head of Contracting Activity for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the entire Department, congratulations on this notable accomplishment.

Sincerely,

E. Darlene Bullock

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Enclosure