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TO: Victor Parker, District Director
Los Angeles District Office

FROM: Ajoy Sinha
Acting Associate Administrator
Office of Business Development

SUBJECT: Mentor/Protégé Agreement between Thomas Land Clearing Company (Mentor)
and CTI Environmental, Inc. (Protégé) Case Number 307035

The memorandum advises of approval of the subject Mentor/Protégé Agreement.

Based on the information before us, we have concluded that the agreement meets the intent of the underlying statute, and the requirements of the Mentor/Protégé Program found at 13 C.F.R. §124.520. The purpose of the Program is to encourage Mentors to provide a broad range of business development assistance to Protégés. Such assistance may include technical and/or management assistance, financial assistance in the form of equity investments and/or loans, subcontracts, and/or assistance in performing prime contracts with the Government through joint venture arrangements. The parties' signatures on the agreement attest to assent to its terms, provisions, and conditions, and to the requirements of the controlling statute and regulations.

With regard to financial assistance, please advise the Protégé to provide a copy of any loan or bonding agreement to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for review prior to execution.

Approved 8(a) Mentor Protégé Agreements are considered active for a period of three (3) years and may be extended an additional three (3) years or until rescinded as part of an annual review determining that a MP Agreement should not be extended, except for automatic termination that occurs when the Protégé graduates from the 8(a) Program or is terminated earlier for other reasons or the 8(a) MP relationship maybe transferred to the small business MP Program with notice to SBA. In accordance with 13 CFR 124.520, MP Agreements will be reviewed each year as part of the Annual Review to determine continuance, and unless rescinded in writing at that time, will automatically renew without additional written notice of continuation or extension to remain in good standing.

The SBA, the Protégé or the Mentor may request the MP agreement be dissolved. Termination of the agreement does not impact contractual agreements undertaken during the active stages of the Mentor/Protégé relationship. Therefore, contractual obligations must be satisfied in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in such contracts.

Please advise the firms of our approval of this Mentor/Protégé Agreement. We thank you for your continuing support of the Program, and wish much success to the Mentor and Protégé in their efforts. If you have questions or require further assistance in this matter, please contact Stanley Jones Jr., Director, Office of Management and Technical Assistance, at 202-205-6805 or at stanley.jonesjr@sba.gov.