GCI Training & Empowerment Center, Inc.
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August 28, 2019

City of Riviera Beach
Attention: Councilman Douglas Lawson
600 West Blue Heron Boulevard
Riviera Beach, Florida 33407

According to the National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS), more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations are registered in the U.S. This number includes public charities, private foundations, and other types of nonprofit organizations, including chambers of commerce, fraternal organizations and civic leagues.

Many of the 1.5 million nonprofit organizations are grassroots organizations that are self-funded. Self-funded nonprofit organizations have a greater chance of being non-existing within the first three to five years. Passion is not enough to keep the doors open. So it is to this end, we are asking for support to provide an ***"Introduction to Nonprofit Start-Up, Back Office Operations, and Resource Development for Sustainability".***

This will be a 3-week initiative that will be held for 1 ½. Participants will learn the basics of the following objectives:

- How to Start to a Nonprofit (Content & Cost)
- Local, State, & Federal Regulations
- Back Office Best Practices
- Resource Development

We hope that you will consider our request. The return on this investment for the Citizens of Riviera Beach will far exceed this request.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Shandra Stringer
Executive Director

Riviera Beach- "Best Waterfront City In Which To Live, Work and Play"

Waste Management Community Benefits Request for Donations

The City of Riviera Beach, in conjunction with Waste Management Inc. of Florida, has established a Community Benefits Policy. Under the Policy each elected official shall be entitled to designate funds to support approved public projects for public purposes. Public purposes include, but are not limited to, charitable events, not-for-profit organizational events or programs and City functions or projects (which may include contributions to the City's Scholarship Fund or the City's Housing Trust Fund). All requests for donations must be presented to the City Council and approved by a majority of the City Council. The City will attempt to process all requests within fourteen (14) days of City Council approval.

Ineligible uses include the purchase of tables at events, campaign contributions, or payment for salaries or operational expenses. Funds cannot be used to cover an elected official's travel, meals, or for his or her personal benefit or gain or for the personal gain of relatives as defined by City Code, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics or State Statutes, as applicable. Funds cannot be given to an entity/agency/organization for which the elected official is a director or officer.

Name of Elected Official Sponsoring Donation: **Councilman Douglas Lawson**

Legal Name of Organization: **G.C.I TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT CENTER INC.**

Program/ Activity Name: **Introduction to Nonprofit Start-up, Back Office Operations, & Fundraising for Sustainability**

Requested Amount: **$ 800.00**

Briefly describe the Program/Activity below **and** attach (1) letter of request or a more detailed description of the Program/Activity; (2) non-profit paperwork and (3) w-9 IRS form:
The will be a 3 week 1 ½ hour of introduction to nonprofit development, local, state, & federal regulation, best practices for administrative operations, and resource development for sustainability.

Mailing Address: **2620 NORTH AUSTRALIAN AVE, SUITE#100 E**

City: **WEST PALM BEACH** State: **FLORIDA** Zip: **33404**

Contact Person(s): **SHANDRA STRINGER EVENT COORDINATOR**

Phone: (561) 385-4657 Fax: (855)743-6422

Email Address: INFO@GCITECINC.COM

Name of Authorized Official: Shandra Stringer

Signature of Authorized Official: Shandra Stringer Date: 8/29/2019

******Return the form to the Elected Official or the Legislative Office for processing.**

Waste Management Community Benefits Request for Donations Approval by Elected Official

I, **_COUNCILMAN DOUGLAS LAWSON**, hereby certify that the donation to G.C.I. TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT CENTER INC._ complies with the City's Community Benefits Policy. I further certify that: (1) I am not an officer, director, partner, proprietor, employee, subcontractor or agent of the organization, its parent organization or subsidiary and I do not have any contractual relationship with or other obligation to the organization, its parent organization or subsidiary; (2) I have no relatives or business associates (as those terms are defined in section 112.312, Florida Statutes) who are officers, directors, partners, proprietors, employees, subcontractors or agents of the organization, its parent organization or subsidiary; (3) The disbursement of the foregoing amount will not inure to my special gain or loss or to the special gain or loss of my relatives or my business associates; and (4) I am not aware of any conflict of interest the disbursement of the foregoing amount to the organization will create for the City of Riviera Beach or myself.

Signature of Elected Official: _____ Date: 9/6/19

Amount Approved by Elected Official: $ 300.00

City Council Action

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Chairperson's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Form **W-9**
(Rev. October 2018)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

▶ Go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9* for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
GCI TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT, INC.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
2620 NORTH AUSTRALIAN AVENUE SUITE 100E WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33407

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☑ Other (see instructions) ▶ 501 C 3

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ Shonda Stringer Date ▶ 8/29/2019

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, *later.*

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 01 2015

GCI TRAINING EMPOWERMENT CENTER INC
2620 N AUSTRALIAN AVENUE STE 100E
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33407-0000

Employer Identification Number:
47-4348463
DLN:
26053576001545
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
June 18, 2015
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

GCI TRAINING EMPOWERMENT CENTER INC

Sincerely,

Tamera Ripperda

Director, Exempt Organizations

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Consumer's Certificate of Exemption

DR-14
R. 04/11

Issued Pursuant to Chapter 212, Florida Statutes

Certificate Number	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Exemption Category
85-8016780464C-3	07/07/2015	07/31/2020	501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION

This certifies that

GCI TRAINING EMPOWERMENT CENTER INC
2620 N AUSTRALIAN AVE STE 100E
WEST PALM BEACH FL 33407-5624

is exempt from the payment of Florida sales and use tax on real property rented, transient rental property rented, tangible personal property purchased or rented, or services purchased.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Important Information for Exempt Organizations

DR-14
R. 04/11

1. You must provide all vendors and suppliers with an exemption certificate before making tax-exempt purchases. See Rule 12A-1.038, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

2. Your *Consumer's Certificate of Exemption* is to be used solely by your organization for your organization's customary nonprofit activities.

3. Purchases made by an individual on behalf of the organization are taxable, even if the individual will be reimbursed by the organization.

4. This exemption applies only to purchases your organization makes. The sale or lease to others of tangible personal property, sleeping accommodations, or other real property is taxable. Your organization must register, and collect and remit sales and use tax on such taxable transactions. Note: Churches are exempt from this requirement except when they are the lessor of real property (Rule 12A-1.070, F.A.C.).

5. It is a criminal offense to fraudulently present this certificate to evade the payment of sales tax. Under no circumstances should this certificate be used for the personal benefit of any individual. Violators will be liable for payment of the sales tax plus a penalty of 200% of the tax, and may be subject to conviction of a third-degree felony. Any violation will require the revocation of this certificate.

6. If you have questions regarding your exemption certificate, please contact the Exemption Unit of Account Management at 800-352-3671. From the available options, select "Registration of Taxes," then "Registration Information," and finally "Exemption Certificates and Nonprofit Entities." The mailing address is PO Box 6480, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6480.