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Ms. Vanessa Lee Halsey
Maranatha Consultants, Inc.
[REDACTED]

Re: Notice of Debarment

Ms. Halsey:

By letter dated April 8, 2011, the Air Force initiated proceedings to debar you, Vanessa Lee Halsey, from contracting with the United States Government. The letter provided you with an opportunity to submit information and arguments in opposition to the proposed debarment. To date, you have not responded to the proposed debarment notice.

Based upon the information in the administrative record in this matter, I have determined that protection of the Government's interests requires that you be debarred from contracting with the United States Government. The effects of debarment are those stated in the April 8, 2011, Notice of Proposed Debarment.

This debarment is effective immediately and continues for three years from April 8, 2011, the date you were proposed for debarment. Your debarment will terminate April 7, 2014.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

STEVEN A. SHAW
Deputy General Counsel
(Contractor Responsibility)



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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED DEBARMENTS OF:

VANESSA LEE HALSEY
MARANATHA CONSULTANTS, INC.

Effective this date, the Air Force has proposed the debarments of Vanessa Lee Halsey and Maranatha Consultants, Inc. from Government contracting and from directly or indirectly receiving the benefits of federal assistance programs. This action is initiated pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation ("FAR") Subpart 9.4.

INFORMATION IN THE RECORD

A preponderance of evidence in the administrative record establishes that at all times relevant hereto:

1. Vanessa Lee Halsey ("Halsey") is the sole owner and president of Maranatha Consultants, Inc. ("Maranatha"). Maranatha is incorporated in Virginia with locations in both Washington, D.C. (DUNS No. 80-560-0025) and Norfolk, Virginia (DUNS No. 00-516-3425). Maranatha specializes in facilities management services such as equipment installation.
2. In June 2008, Halsey obtained the personal information of Carrie Hailes ("Hailes") by misleading Hailes into believing that Halsey intended to make her a partner and vice-president of Maranatha. Halsey explained to Hailes that she needed a business partner in order to be awarded federal government contracts.
3. On June 6, 2008, Hailes accompanied Halsey to Cavalier Ford, a dealership located in Chesapeake, Virginia, where Halsey negotiated the purchase of a 2008 Ford van using Hailes as the primary buyer. Hailes agreed to the purchase because at the time of the transaction, she believed that Halsey intended to make her a business partner. Once the purchase of the van was complete, Halsey took possession of the van.
4. On June 24, 2008, Halsey informed Hailes that she no longer needed Hailes to become a business partner. Furthermore, a review of the Virginia State Corporation Commission records confirmed that only one officer, Halsey, was listed for Maranatha.
5. In July 2008, Hailes discovered through a phone call from Cavalier Ford that Halsey had purchased a 2008 Ford Focus on July 3, 2008 in Hailes' name. Halsey purchased the Ford Focus by signing the name "Carrie Hailes, Vice President Maranatha Consultants." Hailes neither authorized nor agreed to the purchase of this second vehicle, and at the time of the transaction, Halsey represented herself to be Hailes.

6. Shortly after discovering that Halsey had purchased the Ford Focus, Hailes also discovered that Halsey had applied for a Discover credit card in Hailes' name. Hailes did not request or authorize this application.

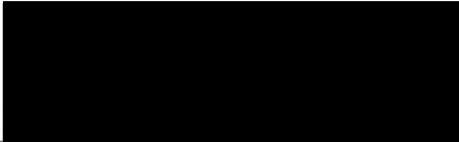
7. On August 20, 2010, Halsey was convicted in the Virginia Circuit Court of the City of Chesapeake for forgery, uttering of forged documents, obtaining property by false pretenses, and identity theft. Halsey was sentenced to five years supervised probation, and ordered to pay restitution to Cavalier Ford in the amount of \$1,704.22.

BASES FOR THE PROPOSED DEBARMENTS

1. The improper conduct of Halsey is of so serious or compelling a nature that it affects her present responsibility to be a Government contractor or subcontractor and provides a separate independent basis for her debarment pursuant to FAR 9.406-2(c).

2. Pursuant to FAR 9.406-5(a), the seriously improper conduct of Halsey is imputed to Maranatha, because her seriously improper conduct occurred in connection with the performance of her duties for or on behalf of Maranatha, or with the knowledge, approval, or acquiescence of Maranatha. The imputation of Halsey's conduct provides a separate independent basis for the debarment of Maranatha.

3. Pursuant to FAR 9.406-1(b), debarments may be extended to the affiliates of a contractor. Halsey and Maranatha are affiliates, as defined at FAR 9.403 (Affiliates), because directly or indirectly, Halsey has power to control Maranatha. The affiliation of Halsey and Maranatha provides a separate independent basis for each of their debarments.


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