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Good evening Chairperson Mitten and members of the commission. My name is Sharika Johnson, and I am here representing Telecommunications Development Corporation (TDC). TDC is an IT consulting firm initiated and currently based in the District of Columbia. TDC is a certified Local, Small, and Disadvantaged Business enterprise with headquarters located at 1919 13th Street, NW.

I am here to testify in support of the UCC project. The UCC project will afford various contracting opportunities for LSDBE and other local firms, specifically in the area of information technology and telecommunications. The significant technology component of this project presents unique opportunities for small and large technology firms and provides critical infrastructure to act as a catalyst for other technology initiatives East of the River.

TDC is currently providing IT project management, radio communications, and project scheduling services for the UCC project. In addition to the services opportunities regarding the UCC project, I am likewise here to testify that the applicant, the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, and TRW, the prime contractor, have been expressedly diligent in back office operations and support regarding the LSDBE opportunities and TDC. Specifically, OCTO and TRW and been diligent in ensuring timely procurement processes as well as timely payment. Procurement and A/P issues are most critical to the survivability of small businesses, and an effective LSDBE program must focus these issues as diligently as it presents and affords contracting opportunities.

Again, I would like to express my strong support for the UCC project and urge the commission to approve the PUD application put forth by the Office of the Chief Technology Officer. Thank you.

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