



**HERMES, LLC** completes the **economically-disadvantaged women-owned small business** (EDWOSB) certification for the SBA's Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program.

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**Wilmington, NC.** **H**Health **E**ducation **R**esearch, **M**anagement and **E**pidemiologic **S**ervices (HERMES) LLC, a small, certified woman-owned and HUBZone business has completed the **economically-disadvantaged women-owned small business** (EDWOSB) certification for the SBA's Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program.

All documents verifying HERMES' eligibility for the EDWOSB requirement have been submitted to the WOSB Program Repository. The definitions for the terms used in this certification are set forth in the Small Business Act, SBA regulations (13 C.F.R. Part 127), and also any statutory and regulatory provisions referenced in those authorities.

*“Women business owners have been waiting for over 10 years for this program. We made sure to prepare to certify as soon as SBA released their Final Rule on the WOSB program..”*

**Danielle Laborde, President**

This program will be administered by the new Office of Federal Contract Assistance to Women Business Owners (CAWBO), which is part of SBA's Office of Government Contracting. CAWBO's mission is to increase Federal contracting opportunities for women-owned small businesses (WOSBs) and to increase the number of WOSBs that successfully compete in the

Federal marketplace. The first EDWOSB set aside contracts awarded through the program are expected to be seen sometime in the fourth quarter of fiscal year.

“We look forward opportunities to compete for and win contracts specifically set aside for WOSBs”. **Danielle Laborde, President**

HERMES’ range of services covers the following areas:

- Epidemiology
- Statistical programming
- Biostatistical services
- Health education & community-based research
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Project management
- Scientific writing
- Comparative effectiveness studies
- Capacity building

HERMES combines the academic strengths of our senior staff and associates to develop and extend customized training programs for researchers and health professionals, international collaborators, project staff, and community leaders.

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#### About HERMES, LLC

*HERMES is a small, certified women-owned and HUBZone business offering research and educational services in public and international health. Our mission is to provide professional research services to our clients and to conduct innovative studies to advance public health. HERMES staff has extensive experience in research methodology and expertise in diverse content areas. We understand ASAP (Accurate, Scientific, And Precise)*