**Section 528.71 Approval/Denial of Tax Credit Certificate Request**

a) When the applicant submits its request for a tax credit certificate, the Department will review and verify the applicant's final diversity hiring numbers for crew, vendors and talent to determine whether it met the goals outlined in its diversity plan before issuing the tax credit certificate.

b) In the event the applicant fails to meet the goals of its diversity plan, the applicant must then demonstrate it made good-faith efforts in attempting to achieve its diversity goals in order for the tax credit certificate request to be approved. Good-faith efforts that the Department will consider include, but are not limited to, documentation demonstrating that the applicant communicated (written correspondence, phone call, email, meetings) with minority, female, and disabled vendors and applicable unions, as well as talent and workforce agencies/entities. The applicant may also submit any other documentation demonstrating its good-faith attempts to the Department for consideration. If appropriate documentation is unavailable, then, within the Department's discretion, the applicant may be permitted to submit an affidavit attesting to its good-faith efforts.

(Source: Added at 31 Ill. Reg. 2253, effective January 18, 2007)