



### **The Fireline Corporation Awarded Women's Business Enterprise Certification**

BALTIMORE, Md. (September 16, 2011) –The Fireline Corporation, one of the largest portables and special fire equipment systems distributors and service firms in the country, has been awarded a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) certification by the City of Baltimore, according to Anna W. Gavin, president of the Baltimore-headquartered family-owned company.

Shirley A. Williams, chief, Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office, City of Baltimore, awarded the two-year WBE certification to Fireline for services associated with the installation and services of fire protection systems.

"We are proud to have earned this important certification for our company and welcome the opportunity to work with the City of Baltimore," said Gavin. "Our menu of services as well as our fire protection expertise is a great fit with several of the city's departments and the services they provide to their constituents," she added.

#### **About The Fireline Corporation**

The Fireline Corporation was founded in 1947 by John S. Waters as one of the first companies in the nation to specialize in the fire equipment distribution and service business. Now one of the largest portables and special systems distributors in the country with more than 170 employees, Fireline is headquartered in Baltimore and operates an office in Leesburg, Va. Instrumental in the development of the industry nationally, John Waters helped to create the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED) and was elected as the organization's third president in 1965; his son Stephen, Fireline's president from 1982 to 2009, served as NAFED president from 1985 to 1987. Fireline is also a member of the Fire Suppression Systems Association (FSSA), the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). For more information, call 410-247-1422 or visit [www.fireline.com](http://www.fireline.com)

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