

Minutes



DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Friday, July 28, 2006 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Governor's Commission on Disabilities
John O. Pastore Center, 41 Cherry Dale Court
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Attendees: Bill Nieranowski (Chair); Andy Argenbright; Paul Grenon; Kevin McHale Christine Botts; (Staff)

Excused: Monica Dzialo , Paul Harden, & Dodie McShane

Minutes

1 Call to Order Bill Nieranowski, Chair.

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. PG/KM passed unanimously

2 Pending renewals/recertifications Chris Botts

Motion: To approve the recertification of Coffeepus
KM/PG passed unanimously

3. Staff report Chris Botts

Discussion: Chris Botts updated the committee on the DBE regulations. On May 3, 2006, Bill Nieranowski (chair), Chris Botts, and Bob Cooper met with Brian Stern and Lorraine Hynes to discuss the drafted regulations. Brian Stern agreed to review the drafted regulations, make any amendments and have them sent to the legal department for review. As of today's meeting, the committee is still awaiting a response. The committee agreed that a letter should be sent by the DBE chair to the purchasing department requesting an update on the regulations and requesting a replacement for Bill Anderson. (DBE committee member)

Discussion: The committee also discussed the expo training that took place last month with Jim Jackson, The Essex Group, to prepare the DBE's for a business expo with the State Purchasing department and the agency buyers. If funds are available the committee would like to have another training before the expo takes place in the fall.

Discussion: Chris Botts spoke with Gerry Bedrick, a consultant with the state, about a

recycling program that will be developed for the DBE's. Gerry will be meeting with the Resource Recovery agency and will report back to Chris Botts.

4. Review planned goals for the DBE Program
Nieranowski

Bill

Discussion: Bill Nieranowski reviewed the planned goals/activities for the DBE program.

*Increase the number of contracts awarded to DBEs. Would like to see 7 contracts awarded in FY '07.

* Offer a follow-up training to DBEs on Trade Shows before the DoP has their vendor fair this fall.

* Develop a training plan for future DBE training.

* Increase program awareness with State agency buyers.

* Increase awareness of the State agencies and their buyers with the DBEs.

* Increase the dollar volume of contracts awarded to DBEs.

* Increase the number of DBEs.

The committee agreed that having regulations in place will make the goals more attainable.

Motion: To accept the planned goals/activities for the DBE program. PG/KM passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Bill Nieranowski

Motion: Move to adjourn

Adjourned at: 10:33

10:33 AM PG/AA passed unanimously