



Minutes for Governor's Commission on Disabilities Disability Business Enterprise

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

9:00AM-10:30AM

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| Attendees: | Bill Nieranowski (Chair), Fran Belasco, Monica Dzialo, Linda Roche, Paul Harden, Chris Botts (Staff) | | |
| Excused: | Kevin McHale, Paul Grenon, Andy Argenbright, Doddie McShane | | |
| Absent: | | | |
| ----- Minutes ----- | | | |
| Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes 9:02AM | Bill Nieranowski, Chairperson | 5 min. | |
| MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. MD/FB passed unanimously | | | |
| Action Items: | Discussion Leader: | | |
| 1. Pending Certification/Recertification | Chris Botts | | |
| Discussion: The committee reviewed the application for renewal for Vision Dynamics. | | | |
| MOTION: To approve the recertification application for Vision Dynamics, a DBE owned by a person with a disability. PH/MD passed unanimously | | | |
| 2. 2008 DBE Goals/2007 Future Tasks | Bill Nieranowski | | |
| Discussion: The committee approved via consensus goals to include the following: <div style="text-align: center;">2008 Planned Goals/Activities for the DBE Program</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of contracts awarded to DBE's. • Continue with DBE training plan • Meet with -12- State agency buyers • Facilitate 4 meetings between DBE's and State buyers • Develop and distribute survey to State agency buyers that polls which DBE products and services their agencies use • Increase awareness of the DBE program through marketing • Develop process to identify dollar volume of contracts awarded to DBE's • Increase the number of DBE's MOTION: To approve the 2008 Planned Goals and activities for the DBE program. PH /MD passed unanimously | | | |

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| Questions on Reports (mailed with the agenda) | | 20 min. |
| Pilot Recycling Project Summary | | |
| Rehab Chart | | |
| Future DBE Trainings | | |
| MOTION: To accept the report(s) presented PH/MD passed unanimously | | |
| A | Submit Pilot Recycling Summary to Bev Najarian and others | Chris Botts |
| B | Plan -3- DBE trainings to be completed by June 30, 2008 to include 2 to 3 of the following 1. Financing Your Business 2. How to Bid on State Contracts 3. Business Basics 4. Creating a Marketing Plan 5. Follow Up Training with Wendy Hanson | Chris Botts |
| | | ongoing |
| C | Contact Nancy Olson to identify which DBE's pay into the Job Development Fund. Pursue grants for training DBE's. | |
| D | Contact EDC to see if there are funds available to improve graphics and print the DBE brochures | |
| E | Investigate the current Workforce Development Grant. | |
| Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings | Chairperson | 5 min. |
| During the October Meeting we will do a self evaluation of the DBEC and elect a Vice-Chair. | | |
| Next meeting will be on: | October 10, 2007 | Starting at 9AM |
| Adjournment: | Chairperson adjourned the meeting 10:13. | |

Other Information

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| Observers: | |
| Resource persons: | |