



Minutes for Governor's Commission on Disabilities Disability Business Enterprise

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

9:00AM-10:30AM

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Attendees:	Bill Nieranowski (Chair), Monica Dzialo, Paul Grenon, Linda Roche, Paul Harden, Andy Argenbright, Chris Botts (Staff)	
Excused:	Doddie McShane	
Absent:		
----- Agenda Topics -----		
Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes 9:05AM	Bill Nieranowski, Chairperson	5 min.
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as: presented MD/LR passed unanimously		
Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	
1. Pending Certification/Recertification	Chris Botts	
Discussion: The committee discussed the renewal process and the problem with the late applications. If the problem continues we may have to have to enforce a deadline causing the late applicants to fill out a complete application instead of just the renewal.		
Discussion: The committee reviewed the renewal application for Adaptive Technology		
MOTION: To approve the application for DBE certification for Adaptive Technology, a business owned by a person with a disability. PH/MD passed unanimously		
Discussion: The committee reviewed the renewal applications for In-Sight, Cookie Place, and OSCIL.		
MOTION: To approve the applications for DBE certification for In-Sight, Cookie Place and OSCIL, a business where 60% of employee hours producing products or services are provided by persons with disabilities. MD/PH passed unanimously		
Discussion: The committee reviewed the renewal applications for A New Leaf, Cranston Arc, The Homestead Group, James L. Maher Center, and Coffee Plus		
MOTION: To approve the applications for DBE certification for A New Leaf, Cranston Arc, The Homestead Group, James L. Maher Center and Coffee Plus, businesses developed by non-profit rehabilitation facilities. LR/PG passed unanimously		
2. DBE Committee Survey	Bill Nieranowski	
Discussion: The committee decided to table the discussion on the survey until the next meeting.		

3. DBE Staff Report	Chris Botts
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Discussion: Chris Botts updated the committee on the recent contracts awarded to the DBE's.

- James L. Maher Center – Two state contracts for catering prisoner lunches
- Cookie Place – Contract with URI and RIC
- BetterShred – Contract with the Division of Taxation
- Cove Center- Plants for the Governor's office

Also, Chris Botts discussed the possibility of privatizing the food service contracts at MHRH. Lorraine Hynes, Purchasing Agent was contacted about meeting with the James L. Maher Center to discuss how an underutilized labor force can save the state money.

Chris Botts attended a meeting at MHRH regarding the upcoming mini summits. The DBE program and DBE success stories will be a part of the summit.

4. DBE Annual Report and 2008/2009 Task List

Discussion: The committee reviewed the FY 2008 DBE task list and the DBE Annual Report.

MOTION: To approve and distribute the task list and annual report. PG/LR passed unanimously

5. DBE Regulations

Discussion: Bill Nieranowski is still waiting for a response from the state legal person regarding the DBE regulations.

Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Chairperson	5 min.
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Next meeting will be on:	February 13, 2008	Starting at: 9AM
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Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:15
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Other Information

Observers:	
Resource persons:	