



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Disability Business Enterprise Committee Agenda

Friday, September 14, 2012 9:30-10:30

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Attendees: Jon DuPre (Chair.); Andy Argenbright; Monica Dzialo, Thomas Bovis, Christine Botts

Absent: Paul Harden

Staff:

Chris Rancourt Bruzzi



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9:30 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Jon DuPre, Chair

Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:30
Introductions of Commissioners and guests



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MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. MD/ AA. Passed unanimously. No abstentions.

Action Items:



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9:35 Vice-chair Election, Jon DuPre

Purpose/Goal: To elect the DBE's vice-chair



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MOTION: To elect Andy Argenbright as vice-chair of the DBE Committee. MD/TB. All accepted except AA who abstained because he was the nominee.









Two connected puzzle pieces

9:40 Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Chapter J. Disability Business Enterprises, Chris Rancourt Bruzzi

Purpose/Goal: To recommend changes to the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Chapter J. Disability Business Enterprises due the amendment to RI GL 37-2.2, the Disability Business Enterprises Act, which went into effect July 1, 2012. The act now states that the DBE program will now focus solely on small businesses owned and operated by persons with disabilities. The Department of Administration/Purchasing is responsible for the new Habilitation Procurement Program (RI GL 37-2.4-1) to provide support to programs that are operated primarily for the purpose of the employment and training of persons with a disability by a government agency or a qualified organization licensed by the State of Rhode Island providing vocational rehabilitation to support people with disabilities, and: maintains an employment ratio of at least sixty percent (60%) of the program employees under the procurement contract in question have severe disabilities.

Discussion: Centered on removing rehabilitation facility/facilities from the rules and regulations given the new Habilitation Procurement Program (RI GL 37-2.4-1) and

	<p>other changes that resulted from this law and changes to RI GL 37-2.2, the Disability Business Enterprises Act such as preference in the purchasing process, the procurement process, the reporting process and content of the reports.</p>
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>MOTION: To accept the recommended changes to the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Chapter J. Disability Business Enterprises as presented with revisions including replacing the title section VIII Preference for Products and Services by Persons with a Disability and content that referred to preference in the purchasing process with language consistent with the new law ;modify Section IX Procurement to be consistent with the new law, and; modify the Section X Reporting to make the reporting requirement annual rather than quarterly and add questions to the report focused on growth to the DBE before and after DBE involvement and changes in SSDI status before and after DBE involvement. AA/ MD. Passed unanimously. No abstentions.</p>
 <small>Woman completing an application form</small>	<p>10:10 DBE Application, Chris Rancourt Bruzzi</p> <p>Purpose/Goal: To modify the DBE application form so that it is consistent with the amendment to RI GL 37-2.2, the Disability Business Enterprises Act and the proposed recommended changes to the Rules and Regulations of the DBE ACT.</p> <p>Discussion: Focused on changing the DBE application.</p>
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>MOTION: To accept the modifications to the DBE application form as presented with the revision including removing the preference in the awarding of state contract language, changing the EIGHTH RULE and in the general information to read Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals rather than Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals and to change the reporting requirements from a quarterly report to an annual report and add questions to the report focused on growth to the DBE before and after DBE involvement and changes in SSDI status before and after DBE involvement. AA/ JD. Passed unanimously. No abstentions</p>
 <small>calendar graphic</small>	<p>10:25 Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meetings, Chris Rancourt Bruzzi</p> <p>Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: DBE rules and regulation status</p> <p>Next meeting will be on: TBD</p>
 <small>alarm clock graphic</small>	<p>10:30 Adjournment, Jon DuPre</p>
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>MOTION: To adjourn at 10:30. MD/AA Passed unanimously. No abstentions</p>