

**Minority Business Enterprise Commission**

**Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**August 16, 2005**

**A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the RI Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI on Tuesday, August 16, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Jim Choquette, and Mauriana Akinfolarin. Also in attendance were Dorinda Keene and Brianne Behrens, staff to the committee.**

**The Minutes of the July 19, 2005 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes as reported. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following applications and the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) Broad Spectrum Accounting Services, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) Professional Services & Resources, Inc. M/W/DBE MO**
- c) Touisset Custom Concrete MBE/DBE RI**
- d) USA Environmental, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to**

**approve the certification of these firms for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program as well as the DBE program as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR in the industry categories as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following applications and the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) American Surfacing Company, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) Antonelli & Sons Landscape / Construction, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- c) RED Technologies, LLC WBE/DBE CT**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these companies of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, and dependency upon non-minority individual(s). Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following application and the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) Chenango Contracting, Inc. MBE/DBE NY**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm due to the owners of the firm not**

meeting economic disadvantage criteria. Motion carried unanimously.

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### **Hearings:**

**Plexus Corporation - A hearing was originally scheduled for Plexus Corporation for this date based upon issues of ownership, control, and dependency upon a non-minority individual. The MBE Compliance Office advised the CRC that the applicant had withdrawn their application for certification on August 8, 2005.**

**Joseph Tavone Painting Co., Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the owner of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of control and affiliation with a non-minority firm, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this company in the category as recommended by the MBE Compliance Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Old/New Business:**

**LJ Site Development, Inc. – This item was carried forward from a prior CRC meeting. Per the request of the CRC, the MBE Compliance Office requested additional information in order to complete the review of the application for certification as a WBE/DBE in the State of Rhode Island.**

**Roy McQueen & Associates, Ltd. – This item was carried forward from a prior CRC meeting. The MBE Compliance Office, per the directive of the CRC, has sought assistance from the VA Department of Transportation on the following issues: compensation to owners over the past three (3) years, with an emphasis on employment agreements and stock agreements. As of this date, the MBE Compliance Office is still awaiting a response from the VA Department of Transportation.**

**KRA Corporation, Inc. – This item was carried forward from a prior CRC meeting. Per the request of the CRC, the MBE Compliance Office requested additional information in order to complete the review of the application for certification as an MBE/DBE in the State of Rhode Island. As of August 16, 2005, the applicant failed to respond to the request for additional information. Therefore, the MBE Compliance Office was directed to notify the applicant that their application for certification would be withdrawn.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Tuesday, September 20, 2005.**