

Minority Business Enterprise Commission

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

February 15, 2006

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the RI Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:22 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Mauriana Akinfolarin, and Jim Choquette. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the committee.

The Minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- a) Acme Abatement Contractor, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**
- b) Capital Curbing Corporation MBE/DBE RI**
- c) CNI Manufacturing, LLC MBE/DBE OK**
- d) Franklin Analytical Services, Inc. WBE/DBE MA**
- e) Wickford Web Works, Inc. WBE/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 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 recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office:

a) Alpha Construction, 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 as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office, with the recommendation that this firm be reviewed after six (6) months. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

United International Corp. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by

the owner of the applicant firm, Mr. Bangalore Neelakantiah. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of economic disadvantage, the hearing was tabled pending the receipt of additional information from the applicant. The hearing shall be continued at the next CRC meeting scheduled for March 15, 2006.

AI Engineers, Inc. - A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the owner of the applicant firm, Mr. Abdul Islam. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of size standards, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the recertification of this firm as an MBE/DBE. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

LJ Site Development, Inc. – This item was carried forward from a prior CRC meeting. Per the directive of the CRC, this application remains tabled, pending receipt of additional information. As of this date, the applicant has not forwarded the additional information as requested. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency upon a non-minority individual(s) and affiliation with non-minority firms. Motion carried unanimously.

E.L. Waterman, Inc. – This firm is currently certified as a WBE/DBE in the State of Rhode Island. Based upon information received by the

MBE Compliance Office, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of a hearing based upon issues of commercially useful function and the appearance of the attempt to evade or subvert the intent of the MBE/WBE/DBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

J & J Contractors, Inc. – This firm had been certified as an MBE in the State of Rhode Island. The MBE Compliance Office advised the CRC that, based upon a review of this firm’s recertification application and supporting documentation, their certification was not renewed due to the fact that the applicant had exceeded size standards. The applicant was duly notified and did not challenge the findings of the MBE Compliance Office.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, March 15, 2006.