

**Minority Business Enterprise Commission**

**Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**May 17, 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, May 17, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:26 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Mauraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the Committee.**

**The Minutes of the April 19, 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) AID Home Improvement, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Enterprise Printing & Products Corp. MBE/DBE RI**
- c) Harris Investments, Ltd., d/b/a Tonya's Trucking M/W/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.**

#### **Hearings:**

**E.L. Waterman, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the owner of the applicant firm, Ms. Lyla Waterman, as well as legal counsel for the applicant firm, Mr. Paul Hogan. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of the applicant meeting the definition of a supplier or regular dealer pursuant to 49 CFR 26, as well as issues of the applicant subverting the MBE program, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this company as a WBE/DBE as a mechanical contractor only, but not as a supplier or regular dealer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**All State Traffic Control, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the owner of the applicant firm, Ms. Susan Koshier. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of ownership, control, compensation, and dependency upon a non-minority individual, a motion was made and properly seconded**

**to deny the certification of this firm as a WBE/DBE. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old/New Business:**

**Roy D. McQueen & Associates, Ltd. – The MBE Compliance Office notified the CRC that this applicant had submitted a request to withdraw their application for certification as an MBE/DBE, due to business shifts. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the applicant's request to withdraw. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The members of the CRC were notified that, per the directive of the Attorney General's Office, the CRC were advised not to go into Executive Session during the deliberation and discussion stages of future hearings, as previously discussed in the CRC meeting on April 19, 2006.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.**