

Minority Business Enterprise Commission

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

June 21, 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, June 21, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Mauraina Akinfolarin, Stephanie Morris, and Louise Anderson. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the Committee.

The Minutes of the May 17, 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) Digital Dimension 1, LLC, d/b/a Digital Dimension M/W/DBE NJ**
- b) GT Excavating Corporation WBE/DBE MA**
- c) KLI Incorporated M/W/DBE IL**
- d) Kormex Metal Craft, Inc. MBE/DBE IL**

e) Prime Electric, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

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

a) Srilu Information Systems, Inc. M/W/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to table this application, pending receipt of personal tax returns. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Alonso Construction Co., Inc. – The CRC was notified that the hearing originally scheduled for this applicant for June 21, 2006 was postponed, per the request of the applicant. The hearing will now be conducted on July 19, 2006.

Mitkem Corporation – The CRC was notified that the hearing originally scheduled for this applicant for June 21, 2006 was cancelled, due to the fact that the applicant had provided personal financial documentation, including, but not limited to recent independent real estate appraisals, which indicated that the applicant was able to meet economic disadvantage criteria. Therefore, the applicant was recertified as an MBE/DBE in the State of Rhode Island.

Old/New Business:

The MBE Compliance Office notified that CRC that there appears to be conflicting regulations with respect to economic disadvantage criteria and the formulas for calculating personal net worth between the regulations promulgated by U.S. SBA, specifically 13 CFR 124, and those by U.S. DOT, specifically 49 CFR 26. The MBE Compliance Office will be requesting clarification from the respective parties regarding this matter, and will notify the CRC accordingly.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.