

Minority Business Enterprise Commission

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

July 19, 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, July 19, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Mauraina Akinfolarin, and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the Committee.

The Minutes of the June 21, 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) Almada Electric MBE/DBE RI**
- b) J-Tec Metal Products, Inc. MBE/DBE IL**
- c) Kera Environmental, LLC WBE/DBE MA**
- d) Priority Manufacturing, Inc. WBE/DBE IL**
- e) Rachel Moran Engineering, Inc., d/b/a RM**

Engineering WBE/DBE MA

**f) Suzanne B. Thomson, d/b/a Trinity Partners
Consulting 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 application and the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office:

a) Traffic Data Solutions, LLC WBE/DBE CT

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of a hearing based upon issued of ownership, control, and dependency upon non-minority individuals, as well as the appearance that the firm may have been created to take advantage of the MBE/WBE/DBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Srilu Information Systems, Inc. – The application for certification had been tabled at the June 21, 2006 meeting, pending receipt of

additional information. After review of said information, and after some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Manna Supply, Inc. – The firm, which was originally certified as a broker of electrical and electronic components in April 2006, had requested a category expansion. Specifically the applicant requested that their certification be amended to indicate that they were a supplier rather than a broker. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the request for a category expansion and to continue the applicant’s certification as a broker. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

A.D.W., Inc., d/b/a Advanced Distribution & Warehousing, Inc. – The CRC was notified that the hearing originally scheduled for this applicant has been postponed, per the request of the applicant. The hearing shall now be conducted on August 16, 2006.

The Certification Review Committee took a brief official recess, during which time no discussions or business was conducted. After said recess, the CRC reconvened the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Alonso Construction 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, Mr. Juan Alonso, as well as legal counsel for the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning the issue of economic disadvantage, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the recertification of this firm as an MBE/DBE. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.