

Minority Business Enterprise Commission

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

March 21, 2007

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were: Charles Newton, Denise Corey, and Mauraina Akinfolarin. Also present was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the February 21, 2007 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) CTSP Corp., d/b/a Classic T-Shirts Plus MBE/DBE RI**
- b) J.S. Services, Inc. WBE/DBE NH**
- c) Lisa Pagano WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Mr. Maintenance Company MBE/DBE RI**
- e) Woodchuck's Building & Home Center MBE/DBE MA**

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.

Old/New Business:

Desperini Contracting Group, Inc. – The CRC members were advised by the MBE Compliance Office that this currently certified MBE/DBE firm has requested a category expansion, and the CRC reviewed the write up and recommendation of the MBE Office with respect to this request. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify the applicant of a hearing for said category expansion request, based upon issues of control and failure to provide information as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

The MBE Compliance Office advised the CRC members that a recommendation had been made to the Director of the Department of Administration in order to fill the currently vacant position on the Certification Review Committee. As of the date of this meeting, a formal appointment had not been made.

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, April 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.