

# **Minority Business Enterprises Commission**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**May 16, 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, May 16, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Mauraina Akinfolarin, and Olayinka Oredugba. Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC, was also present, as were several members from the general public, namely Ruth Salvatierra, Cesario DeJesus, and Alex Moore.**

**The Minutes of the April 18, 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) LMP Construction, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Marion Edward Associates, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**

- c) N.A.T. Mechanical Contractors, Inc. M/W/DBE RI**
- d) Natural Networks, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- e) Only In Rhode Island, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- f) R & F Road Construction, Inc. 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.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following application and the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) Molchan Marine Sciences WBE/DBE CT**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm 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, pending receipt of a personal financial statement from the applicant, and pending a determination that the applicant is able to meet economic disadvantage criteria. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a) Gil's Television & Appliance, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) International Paving Corporation WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Massey Architectural Systems, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Ms. Pipe, LLC WBE/DBE CT**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, affiliation with non-minority firms, dependency upon non-minority firms and/or individuals, and/or issues of economic disadvantage. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old/New Business:**

**Desperini Contracting Group, Inc. – The hearing for category expansion originally scheduled for this applicant for May 16, 2007 has been tabled due to the applicant's failure to submit information as requested. The applicant has been notified that a new hearing will not be scheduled until such time as all requested information has been submitted.**

**The CRC members were advised that ABM Enterprises and Cosco, Inc. have not submitted copies of their 2006 corporate federal tax**

**returns as previously requested. The MBE Compliance Office will be sending out additional formal requests for this information.**

**Due to a scheduling conflict, two of the CRC members will be unable to attend the next regularly scheduled CRC meeting on June 20, 2007.**

**After some discussion a determination was made to reschedule the next CRC meeting for Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.**