

**Minority Business Enterprise Commission**

**Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**June 27, 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, June 27, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the May 16, 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) AKAL Engineering, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**
- b) BusCon Associates, LLC, d/b/a The Providence American MBE/DBE RI**
- c) Publicall Telecommunications, Inc. M/W/DBE NJ**

**d) Reservoir Auto & Alignment Repair, LLC MBE/DBE RI**

**e) She Solutions WBE/DBE RI**

**f) Shoreline Services, Inc., d/b/a Lowe Carting & Recycling MBE/DBE CT**

**g) Soltrix Technology Solutions, Inc. M/W/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) Moonstone Electric, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of a hearing based upon issues of control and dependency upon a non-minority individual or individuals. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Hearings:**

**Axion Business Technologies, 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. Maria Ferland. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of control and dependency upon a non-minority individual, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification of this firm as a WBE/DBE. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Massey Architectural Systems, 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. Julie Nudler, as well as by her legal counsel, Mr. Robert Brooks, Esquire. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of control as well as dependency upon and affiliation with non-minority firms, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification of this firm as a WBE/DBE. Motion carried unanimously. [Note: CRC members in attendance for this hearing were: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, and Denise Correy.]**

**Old/New Business:**

**Gil's Television & Appliance, Inc. – The MBE Compliance Office notified the CRC that this applicant had decided not to pursue the hearing originally scheduled before the CRC for June 27, 2007 based upon issues of economic disadvantage. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm that their application for certification as a WBE/DBE was denied due to the**

**applicant's inability to meet economic disadvantage criteria. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Desperini Contracting Group, Inc. – The MBE Compliance Office advised the CRC that this applicant had repeatedly failed to submit additional information as requested pursuant to their application for category expansion. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm that their category expansion request had been denied due to their failure to respond to requests for information. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Cosco, Inc. – The MBE Compliance Office advised the CRC that this applicant had submitted their 2006 corporate federal tax return, as requested, and that this applicant appeared to continue to meet size standards for certification.**

**ABM Enterprises – The MBE Compliance Office advised the CRC that this applicant had submitted their 2006 corporate federal tax return, as requested, and that there did not appear to be any issues of dependency upon or affiliation with a non-minority firm.**

**All State Traffic Control, LLC - The MBE Compliance Office informed the CRC that the U.S. Department of Transportation had upheld the CRC's denial of this applicant's request for certification as a WBE/DBE.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.**