

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

July 18, 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, July 18, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Olayinka Oredugba. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC; Katherine Gregg, from the Providence Journal, attending as a public observer; and Dominick Ruggerio, from the New England Laborers' Labor Management Cooperation Trust, attending on behalf of King Philip Corporation.

The Minutes of the June 27, 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 application and the recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office:

- a) Adil Business Systems, Inc. MBE/DBE NY**
- b) Divine Investments, Inc. M/W/DBE RI**
- c) Refill Tech Services, Inc. M/W/DBE MD**

d) Statewide Traffic Control, LLC WBE/DBE CT

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) King Philip Corporation 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, dependency upon non-minority individuals, dependency upon and affiliation with non-minority owned firms, and the appearance that the firm was established to participate in MBE/WBE/DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

International Paving Corporation – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the owner of the applicant firm, Ms. Darlene E. Joaquin.

Also in attendance on behalf of International Paving Corporation was Mr. Jeffrey S. Joaquin, Mr. Ralph M. Greco, CPA, and Mr. Michael Horan, Esquire. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of control, dependency upon a non-minority individual, 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.

Ms. Pipe, 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. Kimberly A. Cadorette, as well as by Mr. Warren Brink, owner of L & B Associates. After questions by the members of the CRC concerning issues of control, dependency upon non-minority individuals, and affiliation with non-minority firms, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm as a WBE/DBE, with two conditions: 1) The applicant firm is approved as a broker or manufacturers' rep, vs. as a supplier, as the applicant does not meet the definition of a supplier pursuant to 49 CFR 26.55(3)(2)(ii); and 2) The applicant will be immediately reviewed in the event that their home state certifying agency, CT DOT, makes an adverse decision regarding the application for certification currently pending before that body. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.