

# **Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

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

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**March 19, 2008**

**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 19, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the February 20, 2008 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 recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

- a) Connecticut Counts, LLC MBE/DBE CT**
- b) ELO2, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Global Trade Group, LLC MBE/DBE RI**
- d) Im-Aj Communication & Design, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- e) Melanie Aldrich and Son WBE/DBE RI**

**f) Strother Enterprises, Inc. MBE/DBE PA**

**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 applicable, 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 recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the application submitted on behalf of the following firm:**

**a) Design Fabricators, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, and investment. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Hearings:**

**MacKenzie Painting Company – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the owner of the applicant firm, Ms. Margaret Cumings. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of control**

**and dependency upon and affiliation with non-minority firms, a motion was made and properly seconded to table the hearing, pending receipt of additional information. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Central Electrical Specialty Corp. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. The applicant firm failed to appear as previously notified and as required. A motion was made and properly seconded to deny recertification of this firm based upon the applicant’s inability to demonstrate economic disadvantage. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old/New Business:**

**E.L. Waterman, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC on December 19, 2007 regarding the certification of E.L. Waterman, Inc. Said hearing was tabled, pending additional information. Per the directive of the CRC, representatives of the MBE Compliance Office and E.L. Waterman, Inc. met with representatives from RI DLT to discuss licensing issues. The CRC members were informed that a representative from E.L. Waterman, Inc. is currently scheduled to take the Master Pipefitter I license exam with DLT on March 27, 2008. Therefore, it was determined that the hearing for E.L. Waterman, Inc. will remain tabled, pending the exam results as noted above.**

**Mount Hope Builders, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC**

**on February 20, 2008 regarding the recertification of Mount Hope Builders, Inc. Said hearing was tabled, pending receipt of additional information. The CRC members were advised that this hearing will reconvene on April 16, 2008.**

**International Paving Corporation – This applicant had previously applied for certification and had been denied based upon issues of control, dependency, and affiliation with non-minority firms. International Paving Corporation submitted information relative to their previous application, and in particular regarding the Portuguese ethnic heritage of Jeffrey Joaquin. The applicant requested that the CRC reconsider their previous application. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to waive the waiting period for reapplying for certification. Motion carried unanimously. After additional discussion, a motion was made to approve the certification of this firm as an MBE/DBE. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C.A.P. Transportation, Inc. – This applicant requested a category expansion of their current WBE/DBE certification to include the ability to act as a broker of construction rental equipment. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve this category expansion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**A.T. Rose Consulting, Inc. – Per the request of the CRC on February 20, 2008, this applicant submitted additional materials in support of their application for certification that was conditionally approved on**

**February 20, 2008.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.**