

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

July 30, 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, July 30, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 2:20 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 July 16, 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) LAL Masonry, Inc. WBE/DBE MA

b) H.W. Ellis Painting Company, Inc. WBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of

control, dependency, and affiliation with non-minority individuals.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

MacKenzie Painting Co., Inc. – A hearing was continued before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of MacKenzie Painting Co., Inc. No new testimony was presented. A motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

TFE Resources, Ltd. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of TFE Resources, Ltd., and was attended by the applicant, Ms. Gail Cohen, President and sole shareholder of the TFE Resources, Ltd., as well as by Richard Schwartz, Vice President of TFE. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency, and affiliation, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm 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, exclusive of the equipment leasing. Motion carried unanimously. The applicant was also directed to provide the MBE Compliance Office with updated tax

returns for the file.

The Smart Associates, Environmental Consultants, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of The Smart Associates, Environmental Consultants, Inc., and was attended by the applicant, Ms. Melissa Smart, as well as by Robert Murphy, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control and dependency upon a non-minority individual, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Mount Hope Builders, Inc. – The CRC Members were advised that this matter remains in litigation.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.