

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

August 20, 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, August 20, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 2:21 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.

The Minutes of the July 30, 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) Boncor Group Corporation WBE/DBE NY**
- b) Pawtucket Asphalt Corporation MBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms 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.

Hearings:

Wilkem Scientific Limited – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Wilkem Scientific Limited, and was attended by the applicant, Frances Wilkie, as well as by Jason Monzack, 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 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. Motion carried unanimously.

L.A.S. Construction, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of L.A.S. Construction, Inc. Per their June 9, 2008 correspondence from legal counsel, the applicant indicated their intention to attend the hearing as scheduled. On August 15, 2008, the MBE Compliance Office received a facsimile transmission from the

applicant indicating that she opted not to be in attendance at the hearing. Pursuant to the hearing notification letter dated May 28, 2008, and based upon the original application and all supporting documentation, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency upon non-minority individuals, and licensing. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Mount Hope Builders, Inc. – The members of the CRC were advised that this matter has been remanded back to the CRC by Superior Court. The CRC will be notified when a new hearing has been scheduled.

Acoustek, Inc. – The Certification Review Committee reviewed the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the recertification application submitted on behalf of Acoustek, Inc. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of the need for a hearing based upon issues of control and dependency upon a non-minority individual. Motion carried unanimously.

ELO2, Inc. – The Certification Review Committee was advised that the MBE Compliance Office had recently met with this currently certified MBE/WBE/DBE firm regarding a Stock Pledge Agreement between the

current owners of the firm and the former owners of the firm. Based upon review of this agreement, there does not appear to be any issue of concern that would alter either the ownership or control of ELO2, Inc.

A discussion ensued regarding the possible availability of members of the CRC to hold interim meetings solely for the purpose of conducting hearings in order to eliminate the current backlog. The MBE Compliance Office will send out a tentative schedule for review.

There being no further issues to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.