

# **Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

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

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**October 15, 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, October 15, 2008. The meeting was called to order to 2:22 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, and Olayinka Oredugba. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the September 24, 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) Airprojects, Inc. WBE/DBE VA**
- b) Creative Walls by Tiffany, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Howard Supply Company MBE/DBE MA**
- d) International Building Corp. MBE/DBE RI**
- e) Lindon Group, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**

**f) Outsource Electronic Manufacturing, Inc. WBE/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:**

**H.W. Ellis Painting Company, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of H.W. Ellis Painting Company, Inc., and was attended by Jennifer Laboissonniere, President of H.W. Ellis Painting Company, as well as by Sara Rapport, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant, Matthew Vollucci, Jr., CPA, accountant for the applicant, Scott Duhamel, Business Manager for the Painters Union, and by Jason Laboissonniere, Leah Laboissonniere, Oliver Poissant, and Gail Wilding, all employees of H.W. Ellis Painting Company. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, compensation, affiliation and dependency upon a non-minority individual, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm, contingent upon the firm properly filing amended financial documents with the appropriate governmental authorities, including corporate tax returns and W2s, and upon**

**submittal of same for review. Motion carried unanimously.**

**L.A.L. Masonry, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of L.A.L. Masonry, Inc. The applicant failed to attend the hearing as required, and therefore no further testimony was added to the application record. A motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of the applicant firm, based upon issues of control, compensation, and dependency upon a non-minority individual. Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, October 29, 2008.**