

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

December 3, 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, December 3, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 2:28 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the November 19, 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) L'Acquis Consulting Engineers M/W/DBE IL

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, dependency on non-minority individuals, compensation, and

dependency upon and affiliation with a non-minority firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

D & D Construction Co., Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of D & D Construction Co., Inc. and was attended by Ms. Debra Skurka-McAllister, President of the applicant firm, and Mr. John M. Harpootian, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, and dependency upon non-minority individuals, the applicant withdrew their application for certification.

Old/New Business:

V & L Construction, Inc. – The CRC members were advised that this firm, which had previously been certified as an MBE/DBE, had allowed their certification to lapse due to failure to submit all recertification information as required. The firm subsequently submitted the appropriate paperwork, and the MBE Compliance Office conducted a new site visit as required. There have been no changes in ownership or control of the firm since their original certification. After some discussion, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

H.W. Ellis Painting Co., Inc. – The firm was previously approved as a WBE/DBE, contingent upon the submittal of amended financial and corporate information. A partial submittal was received by the MBE Compliance Office, and reviewed by the CRC. The firm’s certification shall remain pending until such time that all requested information has been received. The MBE Compliance Office will notify this firm in writing of all missing information required.

There being no further information to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.