

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

February 18, 2009

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, February 18, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:27 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Denise Correy, and Olayinka Oredugba. Members absent: Muraina Akinfolarin. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the January 28, 2009 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) Business Focus, Inc. M/W/DBE RI

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.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

a) William Kite Architects, Inc. M/W/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 control and compensation. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

PVD Shines - A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of PVD Shines and was attended by Ms. Julie McNees, Owner of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, compensation, and dependency upon non-minority individuals, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. Motion passed 3 to 1, with Louise Anderson, Denise Correy, and Charles Newton voting to deny, and Olayinka Oredugba voting against the motion.

Old/New Business:

S. Boscarino Construction, LLC - The Certification Review Committee were advised that this applicant was remanded back to their home state UCP, CT DOT, and advised to seek certification as a DBE in their home state.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.