

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

February 25, 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 25, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m., with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Olayinka Oredugba, and Denise Correy. Members absent: Muraina Akinfolarin. Also in attendance was Richard Woolley, Esq., legal counsel to the CRC, and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the February 18, 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) B. Baptista Electric, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- b) DeValerio Consulting, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Ferreira Concrete Forms, Inc. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Wallace Construction Corporation – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for recertification as an MBE/WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Wallace Construction Corporation, and was attended by Ms. Kimberly Wallace, Ms. Kayla Wallace, Ms. Christina Rosciti, Mr. Joseph DeAngelis, Esq., and Mr. Jeffrey Crudup, Esq., all on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency upon and affiliation with non-minority firms, size standards, and economic disadvantage, the hearing was tabled pending additional information.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.