

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

April 8, 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, April 8, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 1:18 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 Richard Woolley, legal counsel for the CRC; Peter Dennehy, legal counsel for D.O.A., Vanessa Crum, Administrator of the DBE Program for RIDOT, Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC, and Katherine Gregg, from the Providence Journal.

The Minutes of the March 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) Big Sky Naturals, LLC, d/b/a Shelterwood Naturals WBE/DBE RI

- b) Duarte Corporation, LLC MBE/DBE RI**
- c) G.A. Climo & Son, Inc. WBE/DBE MA**
- d) Mystic Scrimshanders 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. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- a) Craft and Trade Employment, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) Mt. Hope Builders, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of control and dependency upon non-disadvantaged individuals. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Wallace Construction Corporation – A hearing was continued before the CRC regarding the application for recertification as a WBE/DBE

submitted on behalf of Wallace Construction Corporation. The hearing was attended by Kimberly Wallace, President of the applicant firm, Christina Rosciti, Vice President of the applicant firm, Joseph DeAngelis, Esq., and Jeffrey Crudup, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant, and by Ralph Palumbo, CPA, accountant for the applicant. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, economic disadvantage, dependency, and affiliation with non-minority owned firms, a motion was made to deny certification. Said motion failed to be seconded. A second motion was made to approve certification, and said motion was duly seconded. Motion carried with two votes for approval (Newton & Oredugba), one vote for denial (Anderson), and one member abstaining (Correy).

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.