

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

June 17, 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, June 17, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Olayinka Oredugba. Members absent: Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the May 20, 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) C.R.C. Company, Inc. WBE/DBE MA**
- b) D & M Concrete Floor Co., Inc. MBE/DBE MA**
- c) Michele Robinson Architects WBE/DBE PA**
- d) Nice & Neat Cleaning Services, Inc. M/W/DBE RI**

- e) RLS & Associates, Inc. WBE/DBE OH**
- f) Rosewood Consulting WBE/DBE MA**
- g) S & S Trucking, LLC 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.

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

- a) Ace Concrete Cutting, LLC WBE/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 ownership, control, and dependency upon a non-minority individual. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Mt. Hope Builders, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as an MBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Mt. Hope Builders, Inc., and was attended by Mr. Antonio

Matos, Jr., President of Mt. Hope, as well as by Jose Graterol, Thomas McAndrews, Esq., legal counsel for the firm, and by Edward Cox, CPA, accountant for the firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, investment and capital contributions, 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.

Old/New Business:

Craft and Trade Employment, Inc. – The Members of the CRC were advised that, as of the date of the meeting, there had been no response from the applicant firm for a revised scope of work.

A discussion then ensued regarding proposed changes to the MBE regulations, based upon verbal discussion with federal agencies pursuant to a recent FAA DBE audit. While the formal audit report findings have not yet been received, based upon verbal discussions with U.S. DOT representatives, the MBE Compliance Office will be proposing changes to the current MBE/WBE/DBE regulations to remove all references to the DBE program, in order to correct various discrepancies between the State of Rhode Island's regulations for its MBE/WBE program vs. the mandates for the DBE program by U.S. DOT. The new proposed MBE/WBE regulations must then follow full

review under the Administrative Procedures Act before finalization. A separate DBE manual must then be drafted for final approval by U.S. DOT. The CRC members will be kept informed regarding any future changes.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee is currently scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.