

**Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

**Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**September 16, 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, September 16, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 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 were Vanessa Crum, Dino Smith, and Jean Heiss, representing RIDOT, and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the August 26, 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 Pacific, LLC MBE/WBE WA**

**b) Legacy General Contracting, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly second 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:**

**Jet Industries, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as an MBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Jet Industries, LLC, and was attended by Mr. Donald Williams, Owner of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of size, control, affiliation, dependency, and compensation, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of the firm as an MBE/DBE. Motion fails to pass with a vote of 2/2. A second motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm as an MBE. The motion carries with a vote 3/1. A third motion was made to deny the certification of this firm as a DBE, based upon size standards. The motion carries with a vote 3/1.**

**Empire Construction, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as an MBE/WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of Empire Construction, LLC, and was attended by Julienne V. Botelho, Member of the LLC, and by John Bevilaqua, Sr., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the**

**members of the CRC regarding issues of control and dependency, the applicant chose to withdraw their application for certification without prejudice.**

**Old/New Business:**

**Bryant Associates, Inc. – The request for category expansion for this firm remains tabled, pending additional information.**

**Isom and Sons Construction – Per the request from RIDOT, as well as based upon new information received from the applicant, the CRC will attempt to schedule an interim CRC meeting within the next week to review said information with respect to the application for certification submitted by this applicant.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.**