

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

October 21, 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, October 21, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, and Olayinka Oredugba. Members absent: Denise Correy.

The Minutes of the September 24, 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) The Audette Group, LLC DBE RI**
- b) Integron, LLC MBE/DBE NH**
- c) Land and Coastal Services, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Provant Health Solutions, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- e) XB Consulting, Inc. 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 and/or 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) Daylight Films & Video Production, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- b) R.J. LaChance Advertising, LLC WBE 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, dependency, compensation, capital contributions, and the appearance that the firms were structured to take advantage of the MBE/DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

D & D Construction Co., Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE/DBE submitted on behalf of D & D Construction Co., Inc., and was attended by Ms. Debra Skurka-McAllister, President of the applicant

firm, as well as Mr. John M. Harponian, Esq., legal counsel for the application. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency, capital contributions, compensation, and the appearance that the firm was structured to take advantage of the MBE/DBE programs, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

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

Craft & Trade Employment, Inc. –This applicant had submitted a written request to withdraw their application, and were advised by the MBE Compliance Office that such requests must be presented to, and approved by, the CRC. The applicant indicated verbally that she would like to attend the CRC meeting, but was unable to attend on October 21, 2009. Consequently, a motion was made and properly seconded to table the final determinations regarding this applicant until the next available meeting date. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the CRC shall be on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.