

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

January 20, 2010

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, January 20, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, and Muraina Akinfolarin. Members absent: Olayinka Oredugba and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the December 16, 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 the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Ardent Technologies, Inc. MBE/DBE OH**
- b) Go Consulting Services WBE/DBE MA**
- c) Interlude Productions, Inc., d/b/a/ Leading Women WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Rough & Ready Construction, 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 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 the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

a) ABC Soils, Inc. . WBE/DBE MA

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to conditionally approve the certification of this firm 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, pending clarification of automobile assets as they relate to the applicant's personal net worth. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings;

Empire Construction, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as an MBE/WBE/DBE as submitted on behalf of Empire Construction, LLC, and was attended by Ms. Julienne Vargas Botelho, Member of the applicant firm. After

questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency, false statements, and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE/WBE/DBE programs, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Turmenne Floor Covering, Inc., d/b/a Metro Floor Covering – The applicant has requested a postponement of the hearing previously scheduled for this date. The new hearing date shall now be on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the CRC shall be on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.