

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

February 17, 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, February 17, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:26 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Louise Anderson. Members absent: Olayinka Oredugba and Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the January 20, 2010 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) April S. Lee & Associates, LLC WBE/DBE MN**
- b) Engraving for Industry WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Mil-Ray Food Co., Inc. M/W/ACDBE NJ**
- d) Pamela M. Sherrill Planning, LLC 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 recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the application submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) EDI Landscape, LLC WBE/DBE CT

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of a hearing based upon issues of dependency, control, affiliation with non-minority firms, size standards, and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE/WBE/DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Arora Engineers, Inc. – Per the request of the applicant, the hearing previously scheduled for this applicant has been postponed until March 17, 2010.

Turmenne Floor Covering, Inc., d/b/a Metro Floor Covering, Inc. – A

hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE submitted on behalf of Turmenne Floor Covering, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Patricia Turmenne, Vice President of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency, compensation, capital contributions, and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE program, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Structural Stone, LLC – The CRC reviewed the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding a third party complaint filed against Structural Stone, LLC. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of the need for an eligibility hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the CRC shall be on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.