

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

April 21, 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, April 21, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:28 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, and Rachel Guwoe, an intern working with the MBE Compliance Office.

The Minutes of the March 17, 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) Project Green, LLC MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Raul V. Bravo & Associates, Inc. MBE/DBE VA**
- c) Sigma Systems, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**

d) Thurlow Small Architecture, 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 the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

a) Allstate Painting & Restoration, Inc. WBE RI

b) Design Fabricators, Inc. WBE/DBE RI

c) Truax Corporation 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 in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

The Audette Group, LLC – This currently certified DBE firm submitted a request for category expansion to include steel fabrication and

erection, particularly for specialty machine parts, stainless steel parts, handrails, plate materials including expansion joints, and misc. steel, primarily for transit projects. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the expansion of category for this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

City Point Partners, LLC – This currently certified WBE/DBE firm submitted a request for a category expansion to include engineering services. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the request for category expansion based on issues of control and dependency upon a non-minority individual. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.