

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

February 15, 2011

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Olayinka Oredugba, and Muraina Akinfolarin. Members absent: Denise Correy. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the January 18, 2011 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 application submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) Tandem Flooring, LLC MBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm in the State of Rhode Island's

MBE program and the DBE program as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR, as applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

M.G. Associates, Inc. – A hearing was scheduled before the CRC regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of M.G. Associates, Inc. The applicant opted not to attend the hearing in order to provide testimony on behalf of the firm. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the DBE certification of this firm based upon issues of control, dependency, affiliation with non-minority owned firms, and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was made and properly seconded to deny the WBE certification of the firm based upon the same issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

A discussion ensued regarding the new revisions to the DBE program administered under 49 CFR 26. Said regulations were amended and filed in the Federal Register on January 28, 2011, including changes which affect the certification of firms for the DBE program. The MBE Compliance Office presented to the members of the CRC a schematic

outlining the particular changes as a result of this amendment.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.