

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

March 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, March 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, Denise Correy, and Muraina Akinfolarin. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the February 15, 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 the recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Enterprise Franchises, Inc. M/W/DBE RI**
- b) Mohar Design, LLC WBE MA**
- c) Real Time One, LLC MBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for Enterprise Franchises, Inc. and Real Time One, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the two newly certified DBE firms for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously. Finally a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of Mohar Design, LLC for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Urban Policy Development, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of Urban Policy Development, LLC, and was attended by Mr. Douglass Austin, President of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny MBE certification based upon the firm's inability to meet the ownership criteria. After additional discussion, the motion to deny passed with four members voting for the motion (Newton, Anderson, Akinfolarin and Correy), and one member abstaining (Oredugba). A second motion was then made and properly seconded to deny DBE certification, based again up ownership criteria. After additional discussion, the motion to deny passed with three members voting for the motion (Newton, Anderson and Akinfolarin), one member voting against the motion (Correy), and one member abstaining (Oredugba).

Connico Incorporated – A hearing had been scheduled before the CRC regarding the recertification of this firm as an MBE and DBE. Per the request of the applicant, the hearing was postponed until April 19, 2011.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.