

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

May 17, 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, May 17, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, and Muraina Akinfolarin. CRC Member Olayinka Oredugba arrived after the meeting had been called to order. Members absent: Denise Correy. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the April 19, 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 applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Concrete Designs WBE/DBE RI**
- b) East Providence Concrete, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- c) Miller Mechanical, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for these firms. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firms for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) J & D Drywall, Inc. MBE/DBE MA

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to conditionally approve the DBE certification for this firm, pending a review of property evaluations and confirmation that the applicant is able to meet economic disadvantage criteria. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firm for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program, again, pending confirm of PFS criteria as noted above. 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) Authority Flooring WBE/DBE RI

b) Olmstead Contracting Services, Inc. MBE/DBE MA

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 upon non-minority individuals, dependency upon and affiliation with non-minority owned firms, and the appearance that the firms were structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Hearings had originally been scheduled before the CRC for Angel Trucking, Inc. and for Natural Site Solutions, Inc. Both firms requested postponements, and said requests were granted. Hearings for these firms have now been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

Old/New Business:

Connico, Incorporated – A hearing for this firm had been conducted on April 19, 2011, and had been tabled, pending additional information from the applicant. As of this date, the applicant has failed to provide the information requested. A motion was made and properly seconded to notify the applicant that their hearing shall be continued on June 21, 2011, and that all requested information must be submitted prior to the hearing continuation date. Motion carried

unanimously. It was also decided that the original hearing tape will be sent out for transcription in order to facilitate the continuation of the hearing on June 21, 2011.

A discussion then ensued regarding the current backlog of hearings. It was decided that an interim CRC meeting will be held on June 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., in addition to the regularly scheduled June meeting, in order to address the backlog.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.