

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

June 21, 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, June 21, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:19 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Denise Correy, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Olayinka Oredugba. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC, as well as Jaimie Russell, an Intern with the MBE Compliance Office.

The Minutes of the May 17, 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 by the MBE Compliance Office regarding the application submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) R & G Business Enterprises, LLC M/W/DBE CT

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to

approve the DBE certification for this firm. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) H.S.I. Construction, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) Meadowbrook, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Ninigret Marine, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Transit Marketing, LLC WBE/DBE AZ**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, dependency upon non-minority individuals; affiliation with and dependency upon 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:

Connico Incorporated – A continuation of the hearing originally held on April 19, 2011 was conducted for this currently certified firm based

upon issues of size standards and proper classification of the firm's primary industry by NAICS code. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the reclassification of the firm to NAICS Code 236220. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for the motion (Anderson, Akinfolarin, Correy, and Oredugba), and one vote against the motion (Newton).

Baseline Supply, LLC – A hearing was properly scheduled regarding the application for certification submitted by Baseline Supply, LLC. The applicant opted not to attend the hearing as required. Therefore, the determination of the CRC was based solely upon the previously submitted written record, without the benefit of any testimony that might have been provided by the applicant. After some discussion, a motion was made to deny certification of this firm, based upon issues of control, dependency, affiliation, and the appearance that the firm was structured solely to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Icarus Construction Services, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification submitted by Icarus Construction Services, LLC, and was attended by Mr. Lionell Thompson, Jr. on behalf of the firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency, affiliation, and size standards, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

A discussion ensued regarding the need for interim CRC meetings in order to accommodate the backlog of hearings. It was agreed that, in addition to the regularly scheduled meeting, interim CRC meetings would be held on July 12, 2011 and July 26, 2011.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.