

**Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

**Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**June 28, 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 28, 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. (Note, however, that CRC Member Muraina Akinfolarin was not present for the second hearing, outlined below.) Members absent: Denise Correy. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the June 21, 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) Armand Resource Group, Inc. MBE/DBE NJ**

**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.**

#### **Hearings:**

**Authority Flooring – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and a DBE submitted on behalf of Authority Flooring, and was attended by Ms. Shirley Munoz-Nardolillo, owner of Authority Flooring, and also by Mr. Joel Chase, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant concern. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, experience, dependency upon a non-minority individual, and the appearance that the firm was structured solely to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny DBE certification. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to deny MBE certification. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Olmstead Contracting Services, Inc. - A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as an MBE and a DBE submitted on behalf of Olmstead Contracting Services, Inc, and was attended by Mr. Kahlil Olmstead, President of Olmstead Contracting Services, Inc., and also by Mr. Joseph DeAngelis, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant concern. After questioning by the**

**members of the CRC regarding issues of control, experience, dependency upon non-minority individuals, affiliation with and dependency upon non-minority owned firms, and the appearance that the firm was structured solely to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve DBE certification. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve MBE certification of the newly DBE certified firm. Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.**