

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

July 12, 2011

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capital Hill, 2nd Floor, Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, July 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:21 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Olayinka Oredugba. Members absent: Denise Correy and Louise Anderson. 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 June 28, 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) Capital City Construction & Management Services WBE/DBE RI

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

notify this firm of the need for a hearing based upon the need for additional information and clarification of the operations of the firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Meadowbrook, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and DBE submitted on behalf of Meadowbrook, LLC, and was attended by Ms. Mackenzie St. Godard on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, experience, dependency upon a non-minority individual, affiliation with and dependency upon a non-minority firm, licensing, 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.

Ninigret Marine, Inc. - A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and DBE submitted on behalf of Ninigret Marine, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Lynn Sweet, President of the applicant firm, as well as by Ms. Roberta J. Mulholland, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, experience, dependency upon a non-minority individual, affiliation

with and dependency upon a non-minority firm, 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 the certification of this firm as a DBE. 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.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.