

# **Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**July 19, 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 19, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Denise Correy. Members absent: Louise Anderson and Olayinka Oredugba. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Hearings:**

**Natural Site Solutions, Inc – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and DBE submitted on behalf of Natural Site Solutions, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Deborah Muoio, President of Natural Site Solutions, Inc., by Ms. Erika Zaino, co-owner of the firm, and by Mr. Bruce Leach, Esq., legal counsel on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the**

members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency upon a non-minority individual, dependency upon and affiliation with a non-minority owned firm and the appearance that the firm was structured solely to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs, a motion was made to approve the certification of this firm as a WBE. The motion was seconded in order to get to discussion stages. After discussion, the motion was called to vote, but failed to pass with one vote for approval (Correy) and two votes against approval (Newton & Akinfolarin). A second motion was then made and properly seconded to deny certification as a DBE. The motion to deny passed with two votes for denial (Newton & Akinfolarin) and one vote against the motion (Correy).

Angel Trucking, Inc. - A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and DBE submitted on behalf of Angel Trucking, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Denise Colello, owner of the applicant firm, and by Mr. John Harwood, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency upon non-minority individuals, dependency upon and affiliation with 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 table the hearing, pending receipt of additional information from the applicant. Motion passed unanimously. The hearing for this applicant firm will be reconvened on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The applicant and

**her legal counsel agreed to waive the ten (10) day notice period for a hearing in order to expedite the matter.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.**