

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

July 26, 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, July 26, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, and Denise Correy. Members absent: Olayinka Oredugba. [Note: CRC Member Muraina Akinfolarin left after the hearing for Angel Trucking, Inc.] Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

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

a) GMT Remodeling MBE/DBE RI

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:

Angel Trucking, Inc. – A hearing before the CRC was continued from July 19, 2011 regarding the application for certification as a WBE and as a DBE as submitted by Angel Trucking, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Denise Colello, President, and by Mr. John Harwood, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant firm. After some discussion, 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. [Note: CRC member Louise Anderson abstained from voting on this firm, as she was not present for the initial hearing conducted on July 19, 2011.]

H.S.I. Construction, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and as a DBE submitted on behalf of H.S.I. Construction, Inc., and was attended by Ms. Maureen Mainelli, President of the applicant firm, as well as by Ms. Jessica Papazian-Ross, Esq. and Mr. Dante Giamarco, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the members of the

CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency upon non-minority individuals, affiliation with non-minority owned firms, capital contributions, and the appearance that the firm was scheduled in order 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.

Transit Marketing, LLC - A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and as a DBE submitted on behalf of Transit Marketing, LLC, and was attended by Ms. Selena Barlow, President of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of control and affiliation with non-minority owned firms, 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 3:15 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.