

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

August 16, 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, August 16, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, and Denise Correy. Members absent: Olayinka Oredugba. Also in attendance was Patsy Peterson, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the July 26, 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) Birchwood Design Group, LLC WBE/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.

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

a) Rebars & Mesh, Inc. WBE/DBE MA

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of the need for a hearing, along with a request for additional information, based upon issues of control, dependency, affiliation, compensation, and the appearance that the firm was structured solely to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Capital City Construction & Management Services. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE and as a DBE as submitted by Capital City Construction & Management Services, and was attended by Ms. Lori DeRobbio, owner of the applicant firm. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to table the hearing, to be continued at a future date yet to be determined, pending receipt of additional information. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.