

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

October 18, 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, October 18, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Denise Correy. Members absent: Charles Newton and Olayinka Oredugba. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the September 20, 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 applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Bowen Marketing Consultants WBE MA**
- b) Faulkner Consulting Group WBE/DBE RI**
- c) J. Albanese Construction Co., Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Simple Things WBE/DBE RI**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for these firms as applicable (Items B, C, and D, above). Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firms, as well as the application for certification as a WBE submitted by Bowen Marketing, 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 applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) All Island Landscape, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) D & A Steel, Inc. WBE/DBE MA**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these firms of the need for a hearing based upon issues of control, dependency, affiliation, capital contributions, compensation, and the appearance that the firms were structured in order to take advantaged of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Rebars & Mesh, Inc. – A hearing was scheduled to be heard before

the CRC regarding the application for certification submitted by Rebars & Mesh, Inc. Said hearing had previously been postponed and rescheduled per the request of the applicant. The applicant opted not to attend the hearing as required. Therefore, the Certification Review Committee made their determination based solely upon the written record to date, without the benefit of any testimony that the applicant might have provided had she opted to attend. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this firm for both the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting as adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.