

**Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office
Certification Review Committee (CRC)
Minutes of the Meeting**

April 17, 2012

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, and Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m., with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Denise Correy, and Mauraina Akinfolarin. Also in attendance was Patsy Peterson, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the March 20, 2012 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) Frank J. Meireles, d/b/a Jay Ryka Drywall MBE/DBE MA**
- b) James Schenck, d/b/a Your Way Development MBE/DBE RI**
- c) Jamie Sharp, d/b/a JS Designs RI WBE/DBE RI**
- d) New England Service Providers, LLC MBE/DBE RI**

- e) Geotechnical Partnership, Inc WBE MA
- f) Tyler Communication & Associates, LLC MBE/DBE GA
- g) LGL, Inc. Geller Shoes MBE/DBE RI
- h) MLD Services, Inc. WBE/DBE MA
- i) Early Morning Software, Inc. WBE/DBE MD

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for those applicable firms. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firms, as well as the application submitted by Geotechnical Partnership, Inc., for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion was carried unanimously.

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

- a) Sitecon Corp., Inc. WBE/DBE MA

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

The Certification Review Committee reviewed recommendation by the

MBE Compliance Office regarding the application submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) Southern Rhode Island Moving & Storage, LLC

WBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to table the review of the recommendation for this firm until the next regularly scheduled CRC meeting on May 15, 2012. Motion was carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Green Building Solutions, Inc. - A hearing had been scheduled for Green Building Solutions, Inc. However, the applicant has requested a postponement. After some discussion a motion was made and properly seconded approve the postponement request. Motion carried unanimously. The applicant shall be notified of the new hearing to be scheduled for May 15, 2012.

Old/New Business:

A continued discussion ensued regarding recent changes to 49 CFR 26 regarding Inter-state certification of DBE firms. The CRC members were advised that the next meeting of the New England region states is tentatively scheduled to be held in June, 2012 at the office of RI DOT. The CRC members will be advised of the final schedule for any

meetings, as well as all discussions regarding this matter.

A continued discussion ensued regarding potential changes to the current certification regulations for the MBE program. Said discussion will be continued at the next CRC meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for May 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.