

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

August 21, 2012

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, 2nd floor, Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Denise Correy. Members absent: Louise Anderson. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed. After some discussions, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The CRC reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Cross Cultural Communication Systems, Inc. M/W/DBE MA**
- b) Jansi Diaz, d/b/a Jansi Landscaping MBE/DBE RI**
- c) Pierson Computing Connection, Inc. WBE/DBE PA**
- d) S.R. Painting & Remodeling, LLC MBE/DBE RI**

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 for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Trans-Link, LLC – This currently certified WBE/DBE firm had submitted a request for a category expansion. The CRC reviewed the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding this request, and, after some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to stipulate that the firm was already properly categorized as a transportation and freight broker and that their request for a category expansion be denied. Motion carried unanimously.

A continued discussion ensued regarding the recent changes to 49 CFR 26 regarding Inter-State DBE Certification. To date nothing has been finalized between the New England region UCP members. The CRC will be advised of any developments. It was noted that the Inter-State certification agreement, if finalized, will impact only the DBE program. Out of state firms seeking MBE certification will still need to submit a full application for review.

A continued discussion ensued regarding potential changes to the

current MBE certification regulations. The MBE Compliance Office is currently drafting new proposed regulations for review and approval.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.