

# **Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**September 18, 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, September 18, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, Louise Anderson, Denise Correy, and Carmen Diaz-Jusino. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC, Kathleen Perreault, owner of Kathleen Perreault Consulting, and Terry Aguiar.**

**The Minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, 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) \$75.00 Backflow Testing Services, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**

**b) Carlos Moreira, d/b/a M & B Cleaning MBE/DBE RI**

**c) G. Metz Moving, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**

**d) Kathleen Perreault Consulting WBE/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.**

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

**a) C.L. Vinagro Corp. WBE/DBE RI**

**b) L.A.L. Construction Co., Inc. MBE/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 ownership, control, dependency, affiliation, compensation, economic disadvantage, and the appearance that the firms may have been structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The CRC reviewed the recommendation by the MBE Compliance Office regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of the following firm:**

**a) Safal Partners, Inc. M/W/DBE TX**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to remand this application back to the MBE Compliance Office for additional information relative to the applicant's personal financial statement. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old/New Business:**

**Go To Commercial Cleaning Services, LLC – The CRC reviewed the recommendation by the MBE Compliance Office regarding their annual update information. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to immediately revoke the certification of this firm due to their failure to disclose information as well as issues of control, dependency, and the appearance that the firm was structured to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. 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.**

**A discussion ensued regarding the need for interim CRC meetings in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, due to the number of hearings scheduled and potentially to be scheduled regarding applications in the pipeline. It was agreed that interim meetings will be held on October 30, 2012 and November 13, 2012.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**