

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

June 4, 2013

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, June 4, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Carmen Diaz-Jusino and Muraina Akinfolarin. Members absent: Louise Anderson and Denise Correy. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- a) B & R Landscaping MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Critical Skills, Inc., d/b/a CSpring WBE/DBE IN**
- c) Granger Warburton Consulting, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- d) Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design, Inc. WBE/DBE NY**

- e) MC Electrical Contractor, LLC MBE/DBE RI**
- f) Power Supplies and Services, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- g) The Collaborative, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**
- h) T.M. Masonry, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**
- i) Taino Consulting Group, LLC MBE/DBE MA**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for these 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 the recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of the following firm:

- a) Brockington and Associates, Inc. DBE GA**

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

Old/New Business:

A continued discussion ensued regarding recent changes to 49 CFR 26 regarding Inter-State DBE Certification. As previously discussed, the Inter-State Certification Agreement 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 1:06 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.