

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

August 13, 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, August 13, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Carmen Diaz-Jusino. Members absent: Charles Newton and Denise Correy. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the June 18, 2013 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 an application for certification submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) CNA Construction Services, Inc. MBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to

approve the DBE certification for this firm. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firm for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Melisa Dourado, d/b/a Dourado Contractors – A hearing had been scheduled before the CRC regarding an application for certification as a WBE as submitted by Melisa Dourado, d/b/a Dourado Contractors. The applicant was duly notified of the date and time of the hearing, but failed to appear before the CRC. Therefore, the decision of the CRC was made solely upon the written record to date, without any testimony that might have been provided by the applicant. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification as a WBE based upon issues of control and dependency. Motion carried unanimously.

Brockington and Associates, Inc. - A hearing had been scheduled before the CRC regarding an application for certification as a WBE and DBE as submitted by Brockington and Associates, Inc.. The applicant was duly notified of the date and time of the hearing, but submitted correspondence indicating that she would not be attending the hearing. Therefore, the decision of the CRC was made solely upon the written record to date, without any testimony that might have been provided by the applicant. After some discussion, a

motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification as a DBE based upon issues of control, dependency, affiliation, compensation, and capital contributions. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to deny certification as a WBE. 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 1:44 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.