

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

December 17, 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, December 17, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Carmen Diaz-Jusino. Members absent: Denise Correy. Also in attendance was Patsy Peterson, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the November 19, 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 applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Castillo Dental and Associates, Inc. M/W/DBE RI**
- b) Daniel Penn Associates, LLC MBE/DBE CT**
- c) Mondre Energy, Inc. WBE/DBE PA**
- d) New England Office Supply, Inc. MBE/WBE MA**

e) The Sign Shoppe, LLC WBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for these firms as applicable. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firms, as well as New England Office Supply, Inc., for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

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.

The CRC members were advised that the MBE Compliance Office is providing dialogue and information to the State of Connecticut as part of the disparity study they are currently conducting regarding anticipated changes in their MBE/WBE program. Part of the discussion is potential changes which would allow Rhode Island based firms to seek certification as an MBE or WBE in the State of Connecticut.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2013 at 1:00 p.m