

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

May 29, 2014

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 Thursday, May 29, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson-Sawtelle and Muraina Akinfolarin. Members absent: Denise Correy and Carmen Diaz-Jusino. Also in attendance was Patsy Peterson, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the May 20, 2014 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) Sweetland Foods, Inc., d/b/a Cross Country Cookie WBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded notify the firm of the need for a hearing based upon issues of

ownership, control, dependency, compensation and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Ace Concrete Cutting, LLC and Advanced Concrete Cutting, LLC – Hearings were conducted before the CRC regarding the applications for certification as a WBE submitted on behalf of Ace Concrete Cutting, LLC and Advanced Concrete Cutting, LLC, and were attended by Ms. Debra Stowik, owner of both firms, as well as by Ms. Jaclyn Dubois and Mr. John Mancini, Esquire. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency, compensation, capital contributions, and the appearance that the firms were structured in order to take advantage of the MBE program, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification of these firms. Motion carried unanimously. [Note: A motion was made, properly seconded, and voted upon to deny DBE certification for both firms also. It is noted, herein, however, that these motions and votes were out of order, as neither firm applied for certification under the DBE program, nor did the agenda or hearing notification letters reflect information on the DBE program. Therefore, any reference to DBE certification or DBE denial for these applicants is vacated.]

Old/New Business:

All In One Drug Testing Services, LLC - The application for certification submitted on behalf of this applicant remains tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Copley Wolff Design Group, Inc. – The application for certification submitted on behalf of this applicant remains tabled pending the testing and licensing results for the applicant.

ESP Enterprises, Inc. – The application for certification submitted on behalf of this applicant remains tabled pending receipt of additional information.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.