

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

June 17, 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 Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson-Sawtelle and Carmen Diaz-Jusino. Members absent: Denise Correy and Muraina Akinfolarin. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the May 29, 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) Arora Engineers, Inc. MBE/DBE PA**
- b) BGP Strategies, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- c) The Vault Lounge, LLC M/W/DBE RI**

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.

Hearings:

Tri-State Painting, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a DBE submitted on behalf of Tri-State Painting, Inc. The applicant opted not to attend the hearing or to provide any written testimony on their behalf, and, therefore, the determination of the CRC was based solely upon the written record to date. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny DBE certification of this firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Masters Building Technologies, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE submitted on behalf of Masters Building Technologies, Inc. The applicant opted not to attend the hearing or to provide any written testimony on their behalf, and, therefore, the determination of the CRC was based solely upon the written record to date. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification of this firm in the State of Rhode Island's MBE Program. Motion carried unanimously.

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 until August 2014, pending the testing and licensing results for the applicant.