

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

December 16, 2014

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, December 16, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Carmen Diaz-Jusino, and Louis Francis. Members absent: Louise Anderson and Muraina Akinfolarin. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the November 18, 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) Clark's Auto Sales, Inc.,
d/b/a Clark's Auto Sales & Service, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- b) Soltrix Technology Solutions, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**
- c) TECedge, LLC WBE MA**

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 MBE certification for these firms, as applicable, for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Devon Corporation – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for WBE and DBE certification submitted on behalf of Devon Corporation, and was attended by Laura Gammino, President of the applicant firm, and by Nicholas Goodier, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency, affiliation, and capital contributions, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny DBE certification. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to deny WBE certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

All In One Drug Testing Services, LLC – The application for certification submitted on behalf of this applicant was previously tabled pending receipt of additional information. As of the date of the

meeting, the applicant had failed to respond to the requests for information. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification due to failure to cooperate. Motion carried unanimously.

Meadowbrook, LLC – The hearing conducted before the CRC on October 21, 2014 regarding the application for WBE certification submitted on behalf of Meadowbrook, LLC was tabled pending receipt of additional information, which has subsequently been received by the MBE Compliance Office. Per the request of the applicant, she will be unavailable to continue the hearing at the January CRC meeting. Therefore the hearing shall be continued at the February meeting, scheduled for February 17, 2015, and a written notice will be sent accordingly.

Tavares, LLC – This currently MBE and DBE certified firm had submitted a request for a category expansion. The CRC reviewed the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding this request. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the category expansion request. Motion carried unanimously.

The CRC members were notified that the following firms submitted Inter-State DBE and ACDBE Certification Requests pursuant to 49 CFR 26.85(b) and said certifications have been processed:

- a) Berkshire Concrete Cutting, LLC**
- b) Berkshire Industrial Services, LLC**
- c) JP and Concepts Co.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.