

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

January 20, 2015

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, January 20, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Louis Francis. Members absent: Louise Anderson and Carmen Diaz-Jusino. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson, staff to the CRC, and Jennifer Sternick, Esq., legal counsel for the CRC.

The Minutes of the December 16, 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) Anderson Strickler, LLC WBE/DBE MD**
- b) D.P. Masonry, Inc. MBE MA**
- c) G5 Tek Solutions, LLC WBE GA**

- d) Global View Communications, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- e) Go Green Services, LLC MBE/WBE RI**
- f) J and J General Contractor, LLC MBE/DBE RI**
- g) LMP Construction, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- h) Research & Analytic Insights, LLC WBE VA**

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:

Cobble Hill Landscape & Construction, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for WBE and DBE certification submitted on behalf of Cobble Hill Landscape & Construction, Inc., and was attended by Cynthia Gartsu and Jodie Bragger on behalf of the applicant firm, as well as by Joseph DeAngelis, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the CRC regarding issues of control, dependency, affiliation, licensing, compensation and capital contributions, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve DBE certification. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve WBE certification. Motion carried unanimously.

CR Environmental, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for WBE and DBE certification submitted on behalf of CR Environmental, Inc., and was attended by Charlotte Cogswell on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the CRC regarding issues of dependency, licensing, affiliation, and compensation, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve DBE certification. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve WBE certification. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.