

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

February 17, 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, February 17, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Louis Francis. Members absent: Carmen Diaz-Jusino. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the January 20, 2015 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) Iron Lady Enterprises, Inc. DBE PA**
- b) The Lighting Practice, Inc. WBE PA**
- c) Raposo Engineering Consulting, LLC MBE 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:

Meadowbrook, LLC. – A hearing was continued before the CRC regarding the application for WBE certification submitted on behalf of Meadowbrook, Inc., and was attended by Mackenzie St. Goddard on behalf of the applicant firm, as well as by Nicolas Goodier, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the CRC regarding issues of capital contributions, control, dependency, and the appearance that the firm was structured in order to take advantage of the MBE program, a motion was made and properly seconded deny WBE certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Architects 2000, Inc. – An administrative removal hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the continued certification as a WBE and DBE for Architects 2000, Inc., and was attended by Nancy Sepe and by Rep. Charlene Lima on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the CRC regarding issues of ongoing concern, as well as dependency and affiliation with a non-minority owned firm, 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.

Old/New Business:

Heroica's Painting, Inc. – The CRC reviewed a request for a category expansion submitted by Heroica's Painting, Inc. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the applicant's request for a category expansion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- a) Gray Systems, Inc., d/b/a Validus**
- b) Raposo Engineering Consulting, LLC**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.