

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

April 21, 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, April 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 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 and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC, as well as Sabina Matos.

The Minutes of the March 17, 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) Coast 2 Coast Global Services, Inc. M/W/DBE DC**
- b) Firebox Creative, LLC WBE RI**
- c) Karriem Kanston, d/b/a Kanston Development MBE/DBE RI**
- d) Richard Guwoe, d/b/a Guwoe Home Improvement & Remodeling**

Co. MBE/DBE RI

e) River City Drywall, LLC MBE/DBE RI

f) Vantage Point, Inc. WBE RI

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:

Tech Comm Partners, Inc., d/b/a TCP Learning – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for WBE certification submitted on behalf of Tech Comm Partners, Inc., d/b/a TCP Learning, and was attended by Gertrude Mandeville on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, capital contributions, 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.

LeBeau Engineers & Consultants, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for WBE certification submitted on behalf of LeBeau Engineers & Consultants, LLC. The

applicant failed to attend the hearing as scheduled. Consequently, the CRC made their determination based solely upon the written record to date. After some discussion regarding issues of ownership and control, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny WBE certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

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) Global Supplier Diversity Corporation**
- b) Integrated Project Controls, LLC**
- c) Powertech Controls Co., Inc.**
- d) United Stone and Site, Inc.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.