

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

May 26, 2016

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Thursday, May 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Louise Sawtelle, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Louis Francis. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.

The Minutes of the April 21, 2016 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. Architectural CNC, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- b. Central Painting, LLC MBE RI**
- c. Connecticut Counts, LLC MBE CT**
- d. Dorian Boardman, d/b/a Boardman Ecological Services WBE RI**
- e. Dwight Harrison, d/b/a Harrison General Contracting**

MBE/DBE RI

f. Ingage, LLC WBE FL

g. Ranglin & Associates, LLC MBE/WBE RI

h. Strategic Solution Team, LLC MBE RI

i. United Print Partners, Inc. WBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the MBE certification for these firms for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program and/or the DBE program, as applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

The CRC reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:

a. Axiom Actuarial Consulting, LLC MBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the MBE certification for this firm for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried with two votes for approval (Sawtelle and Akinfolarin) and one abstention (Francis).

The CRC reviewed recommendation by the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a. Sentinel Electric, LLC WBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify this firm of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, compensation, capital contributions, licensing and the appearance that the firm may have been structured in order to take advantage of the MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Centered Change, LLC – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as an MBE/WBE submitted on behalf of Centered Change, LLC, and was attended by Ms. Tejal Tarro on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding the issue of economic disadvantage, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Rhode Island Mulch, Inc., d/b/a RI Express Blower Services - A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE submitted on behalf of Rhode Island Mulch, Inc., d/b/a RI Express Blower Services. The applicant opted not to attend the hearing as scheduled, and therefore the determination of the CRC was based solely upon the written record to date. A motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. Motion carried with two votes for denial (Sawtelle and Akinfolarin) and one

abstention (Francis).

United Stone & Site, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification as a WBE submitted on behalf of United Stone & Site, Inc., and was attended by Patricia Boyden, Bryn Hartwell, and Elizabeth Callahan on behalf of the applicant firm. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of capital contributions, compensation, 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 to approve certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

The members of the CRC were advised that the following firms were certified under the Inter-State DBE and ACDBE Certification process:

- a. Compass Solutions, LLC**
- b. Diversity Food Brands, LLC**
- c. Global Gateway Concessions North America, LLC**
- d. Ingage, LLC**
- e. Leah McCarthy, d/b/a Quality Renovations**
- f. One on 1 Accounting & Consulting Services, LLC**
- g. Pacific Drywall, LLC**
- h. Toscanco Clements Taylor, LLC**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.