

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Board Members Present: Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson [12, 1], Charles Hawkins II [12, 2], Mi Hoshino [12, 2], Khalid Muneer [3, 0], Ramesh Panchal [12, 2], Bruno Portigliatti [12, 3] and Maria G. Turk [12, 3].

Staff Members Present: Kevin Walsh, MBE Official, Gina Bernard, Certification Officer III and Susana Black, Recording Secretary.

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m., Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson called the Certification Board hearing to order at 9:15 a.m.

The minutes from the August 26, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

#### M/WBE RULINGS

**CMTS, LLC d/b/a CMTS Construction Management Services, LLC** - Yvonne McClain, Chief Operating Officer and Ejaz Ahmad, V.P. of Engineering appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to certify CMTS, LLC d/b/a CMTS Construction Management Services, LLC as an MBE in Civil Engineering Services.

**United Contracting, Inc.** – Jorge Pereira, Owner and President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify United Contracting, Inc., as an MBE Certified Building Contractor (Prime Only); and Carpentry.

**Alfonso's Tree Farm, LLC** – Eralio Alfonso, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to certify Alfonso's Tree Farm, LLC as an MBE in Plant Materials; Plant and Tree Nursery.

**Jewel of the South, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Jewel of the South, Inc., as an MWBE General Contractor (Prime Only); Commercial and Residential New Construction, Addition and Renovation.

**Landry Consulting, LLC** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Landry Consulting, LLC as a WBE in Aviation and Information Technology Consulting in Safety Management Systems; Risk Assessments and Training.

**Synchronous Solutions, Inc., d/b/a Synch-Solutions** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Synchronous Solutions, Inc., d/b/a Synch-Solutions as an MBE in Computer Systems Design Services and Custom Computer Programming Services.

**Tek Hauling, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Tek Hauling, Inc. as an MBE Tri-Axle Dump Truck Company – Hauling Services (Materials: Asphalt, Fill Dirt, Top Soil, Aggregate, Mulch, Sand and Contaminated Soil).

**The Integration Factory, Inc.** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to deny WBE status to The Integration Factory, Inc., based on:

- 1) Refusal to comply with a reasonable City request for information, data, or access to records pertinent to the application for certification or recognition within the time period specified by either the Certification Board or City MBE staff.
- 2) Companies that are required to hold any professional license or permit for performance of their line(s) of business that are obtained based on a Qualifying Agent's registration must comply with the following:
  - a) Companies that are at least 51% women owned must be qualified by the registration of at least one (1) of the women owners.
  - b) The qualifying Agent must have an ownership interest in the company and be a full-time employee of the company.
  - c) The company and the Qualifying Agent shall obtain and hold any licenses as required by the municipal, county or state law.
- 3) The business concern must be at least 51% owned by minority group members or at least 51% owned by women group members, as characterized by:
  - a) Independent contribution of capital by the minority or the women group members commensurate with percent of ownership claimed. Ownership gifted to minority or women owners, equipment or other assets gifted, and/or funds gifted to purchase ownership or to establish a new business will not be considered independent contributions of capital. Inherited capital or assets will not be considered as gifted for purposes of these rules. Expertise will not be considered capital for the purposes of these rules.
- 4) The minority or the women owner(s) must possess independent power to direct or cause direction of management and policies of the firm, as characterized by:
  - a) Substantial experience in firm's line(s) of business for which minority and/or women-owned business status is requested.
- 5) The minority or the women owner(s) must be independently responsible for the day-to-day management and control of the firm's daily operations, commensurate with ownership, as characterized by:

- a) Whether the license to perform the firm's line(s) of business is held by the minority or the women owner(s).
- 6) The firm must not be affiliated or associated with another non-minority or non-women owned firm to a degree which could prevent or inhibit an independent status, as characterized by:
  - a) The guarantee of loans by any person, other than the minority/women owners.

**Tierra South Florida** – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to certify Tierra South Florida as an MBE in Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Material Testing.

### **Re-Certification**

**Bobes Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.** - The applicant did not appear before the Board. Bruno Portigliatti presented a Memorandum of Voting Conflicts-Form 8b and refrained from voting. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried by the voting members to re-certify Bobes Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., as an MBE Professional Engineer/Consultant; Mechanical and Civil Engineering.

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to re-certify the following companies: Accurate Traffic Counts, Inc., Almond Consulting Group, Inc., Annetta Wilson Media Training & Success Coaching, Back-Up Power Services, Inc., Black & Son Remodeling, LLC, Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC, Carpet & Blinds Beautiful, Inc., Civil/Site Engineering, Inc., Flash-Rite, Inc., Forte Young, Inc., FP Technical, J. Mori Painting, Inc., Java Express, LLC, Martin Charles Concrete Incorporated, Miami Microtronix Corporation, MSE Construction and Materials, LLC, Perez of Florida, Inc., Potential Electric, LLC, Ricondo & Associates, Inc., Roberson's Vending Service, Inc., S. Saft & Co. d/b/a/ Window Interiors, SGM Engineering, Inc., Supreme Works Corp., d/b/a AAA Ceiling, T & T Construction of Central Florida, Inc., Vistra Communications LLC d/b/a Vistra and Xclusive Staffing of Florida, LLC.

### **Terminations/Non-Responsiveness**

The applicants did not appear before the Board. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Maria G. Turk and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: 4Evolution, Inc., Conpilog International Company, Equibore of America, Inc., Jeromes Masonry, Inc., John J. Christie & Associates, L.C.T.R.T., Inc., Murray Design Group, Inc., d/b/a Smith Murray Studios, Inc., One Global Security, Inc., and Tailwind Transport and Distribution, LLC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

***S. Black***

Susana Black, Recording Secretary