

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Board Members Present: Bruno Portigliatti (1, 0), Brikena Tomasic, Vice-Chairperson [11, 1], Charles Hawkins II (2, 0), Mi Hoshino [11, 1], and Ramesh Panchal [2, 0].

Board Members Absent: Chris Carmody [11, 3], Maria G. Turk [2, 1].

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

Brikena Tomasic, Vice Chairperson called the Certification Board meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

The minutes from the August 27, 2014 Certification Board meeting were approved as written.

M/WBE RULINGS

Interra, Inc. – Anshuman Balekai, Principal appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Ramesh Panchal, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Interra, Inc., as an MBE in Geotechnical Engineering: Typical; Airports; Research; Quality Assurance; Misc: Material Testing; Urban Planning, Construction Inspection; and Bituminous Mix Designs.

American Eagle Concrete Sawing & Drilling, Inc. – Jodi Kelzer, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to re-certify American Eagle Concrete Sawing & Drilling, Inc., as a WBE in Concrete and Asphalt Cutting.

Barnes, Ferland and Associates, Inc. – Pat Barnes, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Charles Hawkins II, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Barnes, Ferland and Associates, Inc., as an MBE in Utility, Environmental, Civil Engineering, Permitting, Monitoring, Data Collection, Scientific Consulting and Subsurface Utility Exploration; Geologic, Hydrologic and Natural Resource Assessment, Water, Wastewater and Reuse Master Planning, Storm Water, Pipeline Design, and Rehabilitation; Water Resources Management and Supply, Hydrogeological and Wellfield Development; Aquifer Storage and Recovery; Solid and Hazardous Waste Assessment/Management; Natural Disaster Emergency Response; Asbestos, Lead and Mold Abatement; Air Monitoring; Environmental Justice Community Outreach; Brownfield Redevelopment; Green Jobs Training; and Environmental Contamination Assessment Solutions

Detail Dynamics of S.C., Inc. – Pam Olson, CEO appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to deny re-certification to Detail Dynamics of S.C., Inc., based on:

1. A company must provide a commercially useful function within the normal industry practices. Contractors must demonstrate the independent capability to perform line(s) of business, as characterized by:
 - a. Has sufficient labor force and/or the independent capability of obtaining such a force.

- b. Has sufficient equipment, tools, etc., and/or the independent capability of obtaining such items.

The applicant was advised of her right to appeal the Board's decision.

Brown Brothers the Family, LLC. – Laletta Dawson, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Charles Hawkins II, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to re-certify Brown Brothers the Family, LLC., as an M/WBE in Concrete Work – Gutters, Curb Elements, Sidewalks, Traffic Separators, Ditch and Slope Pavements, Manholes and Junction Boxes.

Lawton Printers, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to deny WBE status to Lawton Printers, Inc., based on:

1. 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.
2. The company is not considered an independent women-owned enterprise because the husband and/or other male principal:
 - a. Assists in obtaining credit, loans, bonding, leases, etc.

Almond Consulting Group, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to certify Almond Consulting Group, Inc., as an MBE in Cyber Security; Infrastructure Management; Information Assurance; Certification and Accreditation; Release Management; Disaster Recovery; Operations Management; Program/Project Management; Risk Management; Compliance; Change Management; Telecommunications; Training/Mentoring; Process Improvement; Certification and Accreditation.

Equibore of America, Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to certify Equibore of America, Inc., as an MBE in Horizontal Directional Drilling.

FP Technical – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to certify FP Technical as a WBE Technical Writer and Consultant – Engineering (non – P.E.).

Supreme Works Corp. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Charles Hawkins II and vote carried unanimously to certify Supreme Works Corp., as an MBE in Acoustical Ceiling, Grid and Ceiling Tiles (Installation).

Re-Certifications

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Bruno Portigliatti and vote carried unanimously to re-certify the following companies: A-1 Orange Cleaning Service Co., Inc., Alto Sustainability, LLC, Baran Engineering Corporation, Britlena Cleaning Services, Inc., Carlsson Construction Estimators, Inc., Central Hauling & Excavating, Inc., CHPublishing, Inc., Creative Space + Management, Dynamics Group, Inc., Granger & Associates, Inc., Heavenly Hearts Cleaning Service, Ivy Securities, Inc., Jet Set Line, Inc., Kings Service Solutions, LLC, KW Curb, Inc., Millennium Consulting, LLC, MPR Engineering Corp, Inc., Miriam B. Hull and Associates, Inc., MKT Engineers, Inc., N H C S, LLC, Natural Stone Motif, Inc., P Jackson Enterprises, Inc., Page One Consultants, Inc., Power Engineering Group, Inc., Precision Engineering Solutions, Inc., Ramski & Company, Inc., Real Painting Company, LLC, RO Trucking, Inc., Supreme Collision Services, Inc., Validity Solutions, Inc.

Terminations/Non-Responsive

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Ramesh Panchal and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: Aerial Innovations, Inc., Amazon Hose & Rubber Company, Inc., Carl's Concrete Cutting & Drilling, Cost and Time Management, LLC., Creative Street Marketing & Public Relations Group, Cunningham Group, Inc., Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, LLC, Global Gifts & Novelties, LLC, Infinity Protection Service, Inc., Lab Accounting, LLC, OMNI Communications, LLC, Prism International, Inc., Rajendra N Shah, Architect, P.A., and Sentry Barricades, Inc.

New Business

Notify Board of upcoming Joint Board Training Session scheduled for October 10, 2014 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. The training session will be for the Certification Board Members and Chapter 57 Review Board Members to get acquainted and to receive updated information on the M/WBE program's progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

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Susana Black, Recording Secretary