

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor Agenda Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32802. The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. to review case files.

Board Members Present: Annas Kabbaj [2-0]
Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson [10-2]
Bruno Portigliatti, Vice Chairperson [10-2]
Khalid Muneer [10-2]
Maria Turk [9-3]
Marquis Alexander [1-0]
Mi Hoshino [9-3]

Staff Members Present: Gina E. Bernard, Certification Officer III
Dafina Doctor, Recording Secretary

Brikena Tomasic, Chairperson, called the Certification Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The minutes from the August 31, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

MWBE RULINGS

Validity Solutions – Tomeka Bell, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mi Hoshino and vote carried unanimously to recertify Validity Solutions as an MWBE in IT Staffing Augmentation: (Technical Writers, System Analysts, Business Analysts, Help Desktop Support Analysts, Network Administrators, DBAs, and Cloud Consultants); and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Business Intelligence Analytics and Big Data Consultants (SAP, PeopleSoft, Oracle, Workday, Data Scientists, Data Warehouse, Data Engineers, ETL Developers).

24 7 Express Courier Service Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Mi Hoshino and vote carried unanimously to deny MBE status to 24 7 Express Courier Service Inc. based on:

1. Failure to provide sufficient information to the Certification Board on which a determination of eligibility can be based.
2. 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.

JC Plumbing Systems LLC – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to table the decision for MBE status to JC Plumbing Systems LLC pending an onsite review and/or one-on-one interview by staff.

APD Construction, LLC – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to certify APD Construction, LLC as an MBE in Frame, Drywall, Finish, Texture, Acoustical Ceiling and Painting.

Bridge Lawn Maintenance LLC – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to certify Bridge Lawn Maintenance LLC as an MBE in Lawn Care, Lawn Maintenance, Tree Trimming, and Mowing.

ICUBE Consultancy Services Inc. – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to certify ICUBE Consultancy Services Inc. as an MBE in Information Technology (IT) Consulting Services, Custom Software Programming and Application Development.

Stillwater Companies Construction, LLC – The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to certify Stillwater Companies Construction, LLC as an MBE General Contractor (Prime Only).

Re-Certifications

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Marquis Alexander and vote carried unanimously to recertify the following companies: A-1 Orange Cleaning Service Co., Inc.; Alfonso's Tree Farm LLC; Barnes, Ferland and Associates, Inc; Britlena Cleaning Services INC; Carlsson Construction Estimators, Inc; Celectsys, Inc.; Central Hauling & Excavating, Inc.; CMTS, LLC; Dynamics Group Inc.; Heavenly Hearts Cleaning Service; Ivy Securities, Inc.; Kings Services Solutions, LLC; Millennium Consulting LLC; Miriam B. Hull and Associates, Inc.; MKT Engineers, Inc.; NHCS, LLC; NSM Florida Enterprises, LLC.; P Jackson Enterprises, Inc; Power Engineering Group, Inc.; Ramski & Company, Inc.; Synchronous Solutions, Inc; Tek Hauling Inc; Tierra South Florida; and Triumphant Living Enterprises, Inc.

Terminations/ Non-Responsive

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: Alto Sustainability LLC; American Eagle Concrete Sawing & Drilling, Inc.; Brown Brothers The Family, LLC; Creative Space + Management; Granger & Associates, Inc.; Interra, Inc.; Jet Set Line, Inc.; Jewel of the South, Inc.; KW Curb, Inc; Landry Consulting LLC.; MPR Engineering Corp, Inc.; Page One Consultants, Inc.; Precision Engineering Solutions, Inc.; Real Painting Company, LLC; Ro Trucking Inc; and Supreme Collision Services, Inc.

New Business

It was moved by Brikena Tomasic, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to elect Bruno Portigliatti as Chairperson. It was moved by Bruno Portigliatti, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to elect Khalid Muneer as Vice Chairperson.

Board Members were reminded of the Annual Board Member Training entitled "Conversations of Inclusiveness".

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Dafina Doctor

Dafina Doctor, Recording Secretary