

A meeting of the City of Orlando Certification Board was held on Wednesday, November 30, 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 [2-0]
Bruno Portigliatti, Chairperson [2-0]
Khalid Muneer, Vice Chairperson [2-0]
Maria Turk [2-0]
Mi Hoshino [2-0]

Board Members Absent: Marquis Alexander [1-1]

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

Bruno Portigliatti, Chairperson, called the Certification Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The minutes from the October 26, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

MWBE RULINGS

Coral Wood Design Corp – Valdete Fontana, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Annas Kabbaj and vote carried unanimously to deny MWBE status to Coral Wood Design Corp 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) Receipt of the customary incidents of ownership, such as salary and/or intangible benefits commensurate with the ownership interest.
 - b) Financial or bonding support provided by firms, individuals or financial institutions with terms and conditions consistent with the lending industry. (Arm's Length Transaction)
2. 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) Relationship between owners, directors, officers, or key employees or their relatives and non-minority/non-women owned firms in a similar line of business.
 - b) Substantial use of the same non-minority or women-owned subcontractor.
3. The firm is not considered an independent women-owned business enterprise because the husband and/or male principal and/or male employee:
 - a) Provides the expertise to perform line(s) of business or has the greater experience in the industry.

- b) Receives equal or greater compensation than the women-owner, not commensurate with ownership.

Jay-C Trucking LLC – Jaison Cruz, President appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Brikena Tomasic and vote carried unanimously to certify Jay-C Trucking LLC as an MBE in Trucking/Hauling Road Construction Material.

Lansirlart Studios – Leroy Cadet, Owner appeared before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Maria Turk and vote carried unanimously to certify Lansirlart Studios as an MBE in Artistic Painting.

Corporate Care Partners, 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 Corporate Care Partners, LLC as an MBE Workplace Chaplaincy Services; Proactive Employee Assistance Program.

Reality Marketing Group – 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 Reality Marketing Group as an MBE in Marketing, Web Development, Branding, Creative, Social Media and Consultation.

The Mediation Associates – 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 The Mediation Associates as an MWBE in Mediation Services.

Re-Certifications

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried unanimously to recertify the following companies: AEG Environmental Services Corp; Arehna Engineering, Inc.; ecoPreserve, LLC; Exam Plus FL Corp; Heron Electric, Inc.; Lab Accounting, LLC; Lee, Wesley & Associates, Inc.; MJ Tax & Consulting, Inc.; novelEsolutions, Inc.; Paredes Design Consultant Corp.; Pinnacle Construction Support Group, Inc.; Rhodes + Brito Architects, Inc.; Siwel Inc; SR Vending Solutions; Toole Design Group, LLC; and Wholesale Electric Caribe, Inc..

Terminations/ Non-Responsive

The applicants did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Brikena Tomasic and vote carried unanimously to terminate the following companies for non-responsiveness: Arconial Architecture, LLC; Corcel Corp; Eagle Task Force, Inc.; Northern Technologies Group, Inc; SUCA Pipe Supply Inc.; Sun Road Inc; and VoltAir Consulting Engineers, INC.

Comfort Aircon, Inc.

The applicant did not appear before the Board. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mi Hoshino, seconded by Khalid Muneer and vote carried to terminate Comfort Aircon, Inc. for non-responsiveness. Bruno Portigliatti declared a conflict and abstained from voting on the motion. (Form 8B-Attached).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

Dafina Doctor

Dafina Doctor, Recording Secretary