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Minority and Women's Enterprises Division

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**Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises
Monday, March 30, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

The Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises met on March 30, 2009, at 1:00 pm in the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room A, Indianapolis, IN.

Handouts

The Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MWBE) staff distributed several handouts to the commissioners prior to the start of the meeting.

Call to Order

Chairman Kirkland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was established

Roll Call

Commission Members Present:

Marcia Duncan, Indiana State Representative
William Harmon, Harmon Construction
Angela Faulkner, Faulkner Strategies
Tony Kirkland, Indiana Civil Rights Commission
Martha Kenley for Karl Browning, Commissioner INDOT
Rae Pearson, Alpha Rae Personnel
Gilbert Velez, G & M Training & Services, LLC
Alice Watson, Deputy Commissioner

Commission members absent:

Mark Everson, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration
Cleo Duncan, Indiana State Representative
Sylvia Trotter, Trotter Construction
Jean Breaux, Indiana State Senator
Mitch Roob, Secretary of Commerce, IEDC
Lisa Spalding for Nate Feltman, Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Sylvia Trotter, Trotter Construction
Mike Madrid, Highway Safety
Sarah Taylor, E-Gov Partners
Adele Corya, Hygrade Excavating
Mara Candelaria Reardon, Indiana State Representative

Adoption of Minutes

Chairman Kirkland asked for a motion to adopt the January 12, 2009, minutes. Commissioner Duncan made a motion, which was seconded and approved.

Welcome

Chairman Kirkland welcomed the Commission members and attendees and asked everyone to sign-in before leaving the meeting.

New Business

The following reports were presented by the staff of the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division.

A. Deputy Commissioner's Report:

Alice Watson, Deputy Commissioner

Commissioner Watson discussed the disparity study and announced that BBC Research and Consulting was awarded the contract. They will be starting the Disparity Study in February, 2009. She gave an overview of MWBE participation on the contract and offered congratulations to those MWBEs present. She also mentioned that the study began as a two-year study and has now moved to a three-year study. Commissioner Watson also mentioned the Pay-audit software system RFP. She stated the bid results would be announced in the next commission meeting.

B. Certification Report

Stacy Shew, Deputy Director of Certifications and Operations

Ms. Shew gave an overview of the Certification program and discussed stats related to the program. She specifically reviewed the out-of-state policy and Alabama has now been added to the list of states that Indiana MWBE will consider for certification.

Ms. Shew also discussed upcoming opportunities related to the ARRA (Federal Stimulus Plan) for MWBEs and Commissioner Kenley discussed INDOT and how the ARRA act would affect DBE certified firms.

C. Business Development Report

Natalee Summers, Deputy Director of Business Development and Compliance

Ms. Summers gave an overview of the Business Development group and talked about compliance issues. She announced the addition of our new Compliance Manager, Megan Lawson who comes to us as the previous assistant the IDOA Commissioner. Greg Moorman will also be serving in a dual role working with the payment audit system.

D. Outreach & MBEC Report

Terrie Daniel, Outreach Manager

Ms. Daniel gave an overview of the outreach activities the agency was involved in since January 2009 and discussed upcoming events and trainings. She also talked about the MBEC program performance and gave cumulative stats directly related to Federal MBEC program performance metrics.

Internal Policy for Non-profits

Deputy Commissioner Watson talked about the Agency Non-profit policy. She mentioned the division had received a formal challenge. Ms. Watson stated the Department of Administration would look at the internal policy, view all facts and will make an informed decision on the policy that has been set forth. A decision will be made and communicated by the next commission meeting session.

Public Comments

There were 3 attendees that gave public comments.

Billy Dragoo, NAWBO – Billy stated that she supports all issues the agency is involved in and appreciates the efforts of the department. They wanted to officially say thank you.

Michelle Howelle, IMSDC - She wanted to say "Thank You" as well and she said working with the MWBED has been fantastic and would like to publicly say thanks again to the division.

Jesse Moore, Purdue –Thanked the MWBED for all of their efforts and gave an overview of the diversity program and events at Purdue University.

Adjournment

After Chairman Kirkland again congratulated the MWBEs who were present participating on the Disparity Study, Commissioner Kirkland entertained the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Commission Secretary, Terrie Daniel