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Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises **Monday, June 8, 2009** **MEETING MINUTES**

The Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises met on June 8, 2009, at 1:00 pm in the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room A, and 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:

Adele Corya, Hygrade Excavating
Mark Everson, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration
Angela Faulkner, Faulkner Strategies
Martha Kenley for Mike Reed, INDOT
Tony Kirkland, Indiana Civil Rights Commission
Mike Madrid, Highway Safety
Rae Pearson, Alpha Rae Personnel
Lisa Spalding for Mitch Roob, Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Gilbert Velez, G & M Training & Services, LLC
Alice Watson, Deputy Commissioner

Commission Members Absent:

Ronnie Alting, Indiana State Senator
Jean Breaux, Indiana State Senator
Cleo Duncan, Indiana State Representative
Marcia Duncan
William Harmon, Harmon Construction
Mara Candelaria Reardon, Indiana State Representative
Sarah Taylor, City of Indianapolis
Sylvia Trotter, Trotter Construction

Welcome

Chairman Kirkland welcomed the Commission members and attendees. He mentioned he wanted to go over the statute regarding the roles and responsibilities of the commission members and mentioned Deputy Commissioner, Alice Watson would discuss later in her report.

Adoption of Minutes

Chairman Kirkland asked for a motion to adopt the March, 2009 minutes.

The following corrections were noted:

- Commissioner Taylor asked for her affiliation to be changed to City of Indianapolis

- Remove Lisa Spalding for Nate Feltman and replace with Mitch Roob
- Remove Martha Kenley for Karl Browning and replace with Martha Kenley

A motion was made a motion to accept minutes with aforementioned corrections, which was seconded and approved.

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 a recent meeting she attended with community stakeholders in Evansville, IN regarding the upcoming stadium project. She mentioned this project is now open to MWBEs across the State of Indiana. The City of Evansville along with other community stakeholders are asking that the MWBED partner with them on a mentoring project for existing MWBEs in the Evansville area to increase MWBE utilization in that area. Commissioner Watson mentioned several other events our Division has participated in across the state.

Commissioner Watson mentioned Stacy Shew has left the division and has been replaced by Mr. Luther Taylor as the new Deputy Director of Certification and Operations. She mentioned that we currently have 3 open positions and there are currently no plans to fill them, due to the economy.

In regard to the pay audit system, we currently have 2 bidders and are still gathering feedback on the systems prior to final selection.

B. Minority Business Enterprise Center Report

Reppard Horne, Director

Mr. Horne mentioned he was absent at the last commission meeting and thanked Terrie Daniel for sharing the MBEC report. Mr. Horne reported on the MBEC program performance and gave cumulative stats directly related to the Federal MBEC program performance metrics.

Mr. Horne gave an overview of Syncare, Inc. a current MBEC client who has been very successful and was the first company to sign up for the MBEC program at the launch event in 2007.

Mr. Horne also talked about events that MBEC has participated in as well as upcoming events across the State of Indiana.

Accolades were given to the MBEC program which received a letter from the MBDA rating the division performance at 92.4 of a possible 100 points. This score was 11 points higher than the first year score of 81 of a possible 100.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Horne on the programs success by the commission.

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 talked about the payment audit system and the current review of 2

systems for agency viability. The target implementation date for the payment audit system is the end of 2009.

Ms. Summers also mentioned we have reestablished a relationship with the Indiana Toll Road and will be working closely with them to reestablishing reporting.

Ms. Summers also gave an overview of utilization numbers for Q3 09.

D. Certification Report & Outreach

Terrie Daniel, Outreach Manager

Certification

Ms. Daniel gave an overview of the Certification program and discussed stats related to the program performance. Ms. Daniel specifically reviewed 2008 vs. 2009 intake statistics including certification applications, how many were certified and how many were denied.

Ms. Daniel noted an increase in the number of applications received for processing during the month of March. This number jumped significantly from March 2008 and we are attributing the increase to the announcement of the stimulus plan. It was also discussed that most of the stimulus money will be flowing through the Indiana Department of Transportation. We are encouraging DBE certification through INDOT.

Outreach

Ms. Daniel gave an overview of outreach activities the agency was involved in and discussed upcoming events and trainings including the upcoming Resource Fair that was scheduled for July 14, 2009, in conjunction with the Indiana Black Expo Black Business Conference.

E. BBC – Disparity Study

Dave Keen, Principal with BBC reported on the role that BBC and its sub-contractors are playing in the Disparity Study. He also talked about the progress of the study and gave a general overview of the timeline and process that BBC will be embarking upon with the study.

Public Comments

There was 1 attendee that gave public comments.

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

Mr. Moore mentioned the efforts being made at Purdue to assist with the current state disparity study and he mentioned a steering committee of 18 people across university divisions will meet monthly and will use the information provided following the current disparity study to improve Purdue's diversity program.

Adjournment

Chairman Kirkland announced that this would be his final meeting sitting as the chairman. He introduced Mr. Jamal Smith, who will as of September, be sitting as chair of the MWBE Commission. He thanked the commission members for their assistance and mentioned his enjoyment in working with all of the members and the MWBED staff.

Commissioner Faulker mentioned there were stimulus monies available for small businesses and if there was anyone interested she could provide more information. She also mentioned that she would like to see the equivalent of the MBEC program in Indiana for women owned businesses.

She mentioned that she has been on the MWBE commission since 2005 with Sylvia Trotter and Rae Pearson but is still wondering, *“What we do as a commission strategically to move forward the goals and objectives of minority and women owned businesses.”* She would like to see some strategic planning sessions to explore things the commission could do to make a difference.

Commissioner Pearson mentioned the disparity study would give the commission information on how to proceed strategically and was excited about the results. Ms. Pearson also mentioned that there was legislation in the packet of information that they had been given for the commission meeting and inquired what it was referring to. Chairman Kirkland stated this was provided just for informational purposes and went over, per the MWBE statute, the requirements and voting responsibilities of the commission members.

Chairman Kirkland entertained a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Commission Secretary, Terrie Daniel