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Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises
Monday, September 13, 2010

MINUTES

The Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises met on Monday, September 13, 2010, 2010, in the Government Center South, Conference Room C, in Indianapolis, IN.

Handouts

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

Welcome/Call to Order

Chairman Jamal Smith welcomed the commission members and attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Ronnie Alting, Indiana State Senator
Rep. Mara Candelaria-Reardon
Robert Wynkoop, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration
Angela Faulkner, Faulkner Strategies
Tiffany Mulligan, INDOT for Mike Reed
Mike Madrid, Highway Safety
Rae Pearson, Alpha Rae Personnel
Jamal Smith, MWBE Commission Chairman
Sylvia Trotter, Trotter Construction
Alice Watson, Deputy Commissioner, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division

Absent:

Jean Breaux, Indiana State Senator
Cleo Duncan, Indiana State Representative
Mike Madrid, Highway Safety
Lisa Spaulding for Mitch Roob, IEDC
Sarah Taylor, City of Indianapolis
Gilbert Velez, G & M Training & Services, LLC

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Smith established there was a quorum.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Taylor made comments about her absence from previous commission meetings and made a motion to adopt the December 2009, March 2010 and June 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Adoption of 2010 Goals

Chairman Smith entertained a motion to hold the current State MWBE participation goals at their current percentage levels. A motion to adopt the goals at the current percentages was made. The motion was seconded and approved.

Deputy Commissioner Report

Alice Watson, Deputy Commissioner, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, referenced about the internal policy change recommendations. She mentioned the recommended changes will allow the division to be more aggressive in the bidding process and improve compliance auditing.

Commissioner Faulkner asked if their information had been sent out to the businesses. Deputy Commissioner Watson stated that it had not but the agency would follow up on getting that information out. Commissioner Faulkner also asked if the internal policy would be reviewed and then voted on and Deputy Commissioner Watson stated the policies had been sent for them to review prior to this meeting and they would be voting on them at this meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Watson mentioned the intent of the internal policy changes was to modify some of the internal policies to become more efficient as an agency.

Deputy Commissioner Watson discussed the details of recommended changes.

Chairman Smith entertained a motion to accept the recommended internal policy changes. A motion was made seconded and approved.

Deputy Commissioner Watson

she had to make a mandatory emergency trip to Washington DC because our agency had won an award for our MBEC center for the most jobs created in 2009 and this recognition was directly attributed to Rae Pearson of Alpha Rae Personnel for 490 jobs created.

Ms. Watson also introduced the new Executive Director of MBEC, Lloyd Tucker. She also asked the commissioners to review the outreach efforts of the department on their own due to time constraints.

Commissioner Faulker mentioned most agencies are not reaching their goals and asked if a letter could be sent by the Governor to department heads requesting a look into why agencies are not meeting goals and what can be done for them to adhere to the established goals. Commissioner Wynkoop mentioned it was a possibility but will not say yes to that at this point without further discussion. He also explained the break-out spend by various agencies including IDOA. Commissioner Pearson mentioned that quasi government agencies are using MWBEs on contracting efforts but because of their status their numbers are not shown on the MWBE Division utilization reports.

Commissioner Faulker mentioned there needs to be a fix because when goals are set if goals are not met, they will be set lower. She also feels jealous of the MBEC program and would like to see the equivalent of that program for women-owned businesses and asked if we could look into that.

Deputy Commissioner Watson mentioned we are the only MBEC center embedded in the State and it is really a private program. Ms. Watson mentioned other programs geared toward women-owned businesses were WBENC and some others they may be beneficial.

New Business

Chairman Smith asked that Commissioner's should be prepared to comment and report on what is happening in their respective areas across the state. He would like to hear about issues that may be large or small to bring more awareness of what is happening across the state.

Commissioner Pearson (Ft. Wayne, IN) - May 25, 2010, Partners in Contracting Corporation (PICC) held an annual conference in which Alice Watson attended with Commissioner Pearson. This community has a lot of business events and Commissioner Pearson mentioned she would let us know what was going on as soon as she received the

information. She mentioned the issues she saw were ongoing auditing, getting a contract and getting certified are all brought forth at this meeting. She gave her contact information for those wanting to speak with her.

Commissioner Faulkner (South Bend, IN) – Mentioned she was trying to educate people in her area. She feels there is a growing need as far as education in that area and is exploring some opportunities for the MWBE staff to present at some local events including the Women Business Owners of Michiana as well as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She mentioned the St. Joseph county area has been hurt since Vivian Sally left. There has been a void of activity and she would like to request a list of currently certified businesses in that area because she would like to have a fair to make them aware of opportunities and who their commission representative is in the area. She would also like to do some media outreach in each commissioner area.

Commissioner Pearson requested a letter be sent to all certified businesses letting them know who their representatives are in their respective areas.

It was requested we do community radio and regional matchmaking events. It was also mentioned the Hispanic Commission would be a great partner for the MWBE commission so we are not duplicating efforts.

BBC Consulting (Sameer Bawa) – Mr. Bawa gave an overview regarding the Disparity Study and what could be expected over the next few months. Data collection has been wrapped up and now analysis is being performed. Survey efforts have also been concluded. Quantitative and qualitative analysis have also been completed that will give the state some of the barriers some MWBEs may face when going into businesses. A full draft of the report will be made public in September or October after which a public forum will be held in November. The final study will be completed in December.

Honda – Honda made a presentation regarding their supplier diversity efforts and how companies can do business with them.

Public Comments

No public comments

Adjournment

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Terrie Daniel, MWBE Commission Secretary