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HOUSE BILL NO. 479

BY REPRESENTATIVE PONTI

PROCUREMENT: Requires the commissioner of administration to develop policies and procedures for notification of the Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center regarding public bid and other competitive opportunities for state procurements and public contracts

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:2007(D), relative to state procurements and public contracts;  
3 to provide with respect to the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships; to  
4 provide for the duties of the commissioner of administration; to require notice to  
5 certain entities regarding public bid and other competitive opportunities for state  
6 procurements and public contracts; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 39:2007(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2007. Responsibilities of the commissioner of administration; training; reporting

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11 D.(1) The commissioner shall conduct a training program at least  
12 semiannually to acquaint small entrepreneurship with state procurement and public  
13 contract proposal and bidding practices. This shall include all state procurements  
14 which are governed by Chapter 10 of Title 38, Chapters 16 and 17 of this Title, and  
15 Parts XIII and XIII-A of Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
16 1950. The commissioner shall also secure the assistance of staff from either the  
17 Department of Transportation and Development, Department of Natural Resources,  
18 or Department of Environmental Quality who are knowledgeable about state  
19 procurements undertaken pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 38 and Parts XIII and XIII-

1 A of Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, for the purpose  
2 of providing practical advice to small entrepreneurships relative to procurements and  
3 public contracts governed by such law.

4 (2) The commissioner shall publish policies and procedures to establish the  
5 method by which chief procurement officers and the director of contractual review  
6 shall notify the Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center, a nonprofit  
7 organization established to assist small businesses in competing for government  
8 contracts, regarding public bids and other competitive opportunities for state  
9 procurements and public contracts.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the commissioner of administration to publish policies and procedures to facilitate notification of the Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center regarding opportunities for state procurements and public contracts.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (The Hudson Initiative) to increase the use of small entrepreneurships in state procurements and public contracts.

Present law requires the commissioner of administration to conduct semiannual training programs to acquaint small entrepreneurships with state procurement and public contract proposal and bidding practices.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that the commissioner of administration publish policies and procedures to establish the method by which chief procurement officers and the director of contractual review shall notify the Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center, a nonprofit organization established to assist small businesses in competing for government contracts, regarding public bids and other competitive opportunities for state procurements and public contracts.

(Amends R.S. 39:2007(D))