Ponti HB No. 479

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

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

DIGEST

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.

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

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

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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 in Lafayette, the Northwest Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center in Shreveport, and all Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Centers located across the state which are nonprofit organizations 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill</u>

1. Adds entities to be notified by the chief procurement officers and the director of contractual review regarding public bids and other competitive opportunities for state procurements and public contracts.