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<u>Existing law</u> establishes the La. Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (The Hudson Initiative) to increase the use of small entrepreneurships in state procurements and public contracts. Requires the commissioner of administration to conduct semiannual training programs to acquaint small entrepreneurships with state procurement and public contract proposal and bidding practices.

New law adds requirement that the commissioner of administration publish policies and procedures to establish the method by which state chief procurement officers and the director of contractual review shall provide notification for public bids and other competitive opportunities for state procurements and public contracts to all nonprofit La. procurement technical assistance centers which assist small businesses in competing for government contracts, particularly the La. Procurement Technical Assistance Center in Lafayette, and the Northwest La. Procurement Technical Assistance Center in Shreveport.

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