



Small Business Program Enhancements and State Contracting Clarifications

Admin proposes policy changes to update public purchasing statutes and further streamline Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged, and Veteran Owned (TG/ED/VO) provisions:

- Consistently applies workforce requirements to all prime contractors, including primes who are certified as Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged, and Veteran Owned (TG/ED/VO). Currently, these subcontracting requirements do not apply to TG/ED/VO businesses
- Standardizes language throughout all the TG/ED/VO provisions.
- Clarifies that state construction contracts can be negotiated using a best value procurement process.
- Raises the threshold from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to build on the success of the program which streamlines purchases from a TG/ED/VO business.
- Increases the competitive preference for TG/ED/VO businesses from 6% to 12%
- Eases the process for TG/ED/VO businesses to do business with the state by recognizing relevant national certifications of business ownership approved by the Commissioner
- Removes references to obsolete reports that were due only in 2013 and 2014.



Clarifying and Enhancing State Building Sustainability Statutes

Improve sustainability and cost effectiveness of state operations:

- Provides greater clarity for contractors by streamlining sustainable building and energy use statutes.
- Ensures sustainability requirements for public facilities are met in pre-design and design documents.
- Allows greater flexibility for agencies in meeting Sustainable Building 2030 standards
- Encourages renewable energy installation on state facilities by increasing renewable energy generation caps on state buildings. The energy would only be used for the designated facility and would not be sold back on to the electric energy grid.



General Statute Clean Up

Admin proposes a series of good governance changes to streamline our work and correct obsolete statutes. The proposal:

- Corrects two technical changes related to the State Historic Preservation Office's transfer to Admin in 2018.
- Clarifies project definition for State Designer Selection Board so reviews never intended under statute are excluded.
- Updates State Designer Selection Board selection thresholds to \$4 million or \$400,000 planning fees with future periodic inflation adjustments.
- Adds consultants to the list of construction delay exemptions for state projects. This change will avoid delays which can last weeks and increase project costs.
- Increases emergency preparedness by extending the Commissioner's emergency authority to include for design and construction projects. This change aligns with the national and state conversations around national preparedness.
- Updates Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution statutes to reflect relocation to Admin.