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Introduced by Sens. DeFRANCISCO, BONACIC -- (at request of the State Comptroller) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the education law, in relation to enacting the "New York state procurement integrity act"; and to repeal section 6283 of the education law relating to procurements of the fund (Part A); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring public authorities to comply with certain provisions of the state finance law relating to procurements (Part B); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to prohibiting certain third party contracts (Part C); to amend the state finance law, in relation to authorizing state comptroller to oversee certain contracts of the research foundation of the state university of New York (Part D); to amend the state finance law and the public authorities law, in relation to disqualifications of state and state authority contractors, prohibiting conflicts of interest by state officers and employees in state procurements; prohibiting conflicts of interest by state authority board members, officers and employees in authority procurements; requiring certification by state officers and employees of no undue influence; requiring certification by state authority board members, officers and employees of no undue influence; and establishing a state contractor and state authority contractor code of business ethics and conduct (Part E); and to amend the economic development law, in relation to expanding requirements for state authorities to publish procurement opportunities (Part F)

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation
- 2 which are necessary to implement the New York state procurement integri-
- 3 ty act. Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified as
- 4 Parts A through F. The effective date for each particular provision

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of such
2 Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, including
3 the effective date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section "of
4 this act," when used in connection with that particular component, shall
5 be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in
6 which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general
7 effective date of this act.

8 PART A

9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 112 of the state
10 finance law, as amended by section 18 of part L of chapter 55 of the
11 laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Before any contract made for or by any state agency, department,
13 board, officer, commission, or institution, except the office of general
14 services, shall be executed or become effective, whenever such contract
15 exceeds fifty thousand dollars in amount and before any contract made
16 for or by the office of general services shall be executed or become
17 effective, whenever such contract exceeds eighty-five thousand dollars
18 in amount, it shall first be approved by the comptroller and filed in
19 his or her office, [~~with the exception of contracts established as a~~
20 ~~centralized contract through the office of general services and purchase~~
21 ~~orders or other procurement transactions issued under such centralized~~
22 ~~contracts. The~~ provided, however, that the comptroller shall make a
23 final written determination with respect to approval of such contract
24 within ninety days of the submission of such contract to his or her
25 office unless the comptroller shall notify, in writing, the state agen-
26 cy, department, board, officer, commission, or institution, prior to the
27 expiration of the ninety day period, and for good cause, of the need for
28 an extension of not more than fifteen days, or a reasonable period of
29 time agreed to by such state agency, department, board, officer, commis-
30 sion, or institution and provided, further, that such written determi-
31 nation or extension shall be made part of the procurement record pursu-
32 ant to paragraph f of subdivision one of section one hundred sixty-three
33 of this chapter.

34 § 2. Subdivisions 5 and 6 of section 355 of the education law, as
35 amended by section 1 of subpart B of part D of chapter 58 of the laws of
36 2011, paragraph a of subdivision 5 as amended by section 31 of part L of
37 chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:

38 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of section one
39 hundred twelve and sections one hundred fifteen, one hundred sixty-one,
40 and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law and sections three
41 and six of the New York state printing and public documents law or any
42 other law to the contrary, the state university trustees are authorized
43 and empowered to:

44 a. (i) purchase materials, proprietary electronic information
45 resources including but not limited to academic, professional, and
46 industry journals, reference handbooks and manuals, research tracking
47 tools, indexes and abstracts, equipment and supplies, including computer
48 equipment and motor vehicles, where the amount for a single purchase
49 does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, (ii) execute contracts for
50 services and construction [~~and construction-related services~~] contracts
51 to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and (iii) contract
52 for printing to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, without
53 prior approval by any other state officer or agency, but subject to
54 rules and regulations or guidelines of the state comptroller not other-

1 wise inconsistent with the provisions of this section and in accordance
2 with guidelines promulgated by the state university board of trustees
3 after consultation with the state comptroller. In addition, the trus-
4 tees, after consultation with the commissioner of general services, are
5 authorized to annually negotiate with the state comptroller increases in
6 the aforementioned dollar limits and the exemption of any articles,
7 categories of articles or commodities from these limits. Guidelines
8 promulgated by the state university board of trustees shall, to the
9 extent practicable, require that competitive proposals be solicited for
10 purchases, and shall include requirements that purchases and contracts
11 authorized under this section be at the lowest available price, includ-
12 ing consideration of prices available through other state agencies,
13 consistent with quality requirements, and as will best promote the
14 public interest. Such purchases may be made directly from any contractor
15 pursuant to any contract for commodities let by the office of general
16 services or any other state agency;

17 ~~[a-1. execute contracts for services to an amount not exceeding twenty~~
18 ~~thousand dollars without prior approval by any other state officer or~~
19 ~~agency, but subject to rules and regulations of the state comptroller~~
20 ~~not otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this section and in~~
21 ~~accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the state university board~~
22 ~~of trustees after consultation with the state comptroller. In addition,~~
23 ~~the trustees, after consultation with the commissioner of general~~
24 ~~services, are authorized to annually negotiate with the state comp-~~
25 ~~troller increases in the aforementioned dollar limits and the exemption~~
26 ~~of any services or categories of services from these limits,]~~

27 b. to establish cash advance accounts for the purpose of purchasing
28 materials, supplies, or services, for cash advances for travel expenses
29 and per diem allowances, or for advance payment of wages and salary. The
30 account may be used to purchase such materials, supplies, or services
31 where the amount of a single purchase does not exceed [~~one thousand~~] two
32 hundred fifty dollars, in accordance with such guidelines as shall be
33 prescribed by the state university trustees after consultation with the
34 state comptroller;

35 c. establish guidelines in consultation with the commissioner of
36 general services authorizing participation by the state university in
37 programs administered by the office of general services for the purchase
38 of available New York state food products. The commissioner of general
39 services shall provide assistance to the state university necessary to
40 enable the university to participate in these programs;

41 d. award contract extensions for campus transportation without compet-
42 itive bidding where such contracts were secured either through compet-
43 itive bidding or through evaluation of proposals in response to a
44 request for proposals, however such extensions may be rejected if the
45 amount to be paid to the contractor in any year of such proposed exten-
46 sion fails to reflect any decrease in the regional consumer price index
47 for the New York, New York-Northeastern, New Jersey area, based upon the
48 index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) during the preceding twelve-month
49 period. At the time of any contract extension, consideration shall be
50 given to any competitive proposal offered by a public transportation
51 agency. Such contract may be increased for each year of the contract
52 extension by an amount not to exceed the regional consumer price index
53 increase for the New York, New York-Northeastern, New Jersey area, based
54 upon the index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), during the preceding
55 twelve-month period, provided it has been satisfactorily established by

1 the contractor that there has been at least an equivalent increase in
2 the amount of his cost of operation, during the period of the contract.

3 ~~[e. guidelines promulgated by the state university board of trustees~~
4 ~~shall, to the extent practicable, require that competitive proposals be~~
5 ~~solicited for purchases, and shall include requirements that purchases~~
6 ~~and contracts authorized under this section be at the lowest available~~
7 ~~price, including consideration of prices available through other state~~
8 ~~agencies, consistent with quality requirements, and as will best promote~~
9 ~~the public interest. Such purchases may be made directly from any~~
10 ~~contractor pursuant to any contract for commodities let by the office of~~
11 ~~general services or any other state agency.]~~

12 6. To enter into any contract or agreement deemed necessary or advis-
13 able after consultation with appropriate state agencies for carrying out
14 the objects and purposes of state university without prior review or
15 approval by any state officer or agency other than the state comptroller
16 and the attorney general including contracts with non-profit corpo-
17 rations organized by officers, employees, alumni or students of state
18 university for the furtherance of its academic objects and purposes.
19 Contracts or agreements entered into with the federal government to
20 enable participation in federal student loan programs, including any and
21 all instruments required thereunder, shall not be subject to the
22 requirements of section forty-one of the state finance law; provided,
23 however, that the state shall not be liable for any portion of any
24 defaults which it has agreed to assume pursuant to any such agreement in
25 an amount in excess of money appropriated or otherwise lawfully avail-
26 able therefor at the time the liability for payment arises. ~~[The forego-~~
27 ~~ing notwithstanding, any contract made for or by the state university~~
28 ~~for the purchase of: (i) materials, equipment and supplies, including~~
29 ~~computer equipment; (ii) motor vehicles; (iii) construction and~~
30 ~~construction-related services contracts; and (iv) printing shall not be~~
31 ~~subject to prior approval by any other state officer or agency.]~~

32 § 3. Paragraph b of subdivision 16 of section 355 of the education
33 law, as amended by section 1 of subpart C of part D of chapter 58 of the
34 laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

35 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of section one
36 hundred twelve of the state finance law~~[7]~~ relating to the dollar thresh-
37 hold requiring the comptroller's approval of contracts, subdivision six
38 of section one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law ~~[and section~~
39 ~~sixty-three of the executive law (i)]~~ authorize contracts for the
40 purchase of goods for state university health care facilities ~~[without~~
41 ~~prior approval by any other state officer or agency,~~] including
42 contracts for joint or group purchasing arrangements of goods, in
43 accordance with procedures and requirements found in paragraph a of
44 subdivision five of this section~~[, and (ii) authorize contracts for~~
45 ~~services]~~ which do not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars ~~[without~~
46 ~~prior approval by any other state officer or agency in accordance with~~
47 ~~procedures and requirements found in paragraph a of subdivision five of~~
48 ~~this section]~~. Contracts authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall be
49 subject to article fourteen of the civil service law and the applicable
50 provisions of agreements between the state and employee organizations
51 pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law.

52 The trustees are authorized to negotiate annually with the state comp-
53 troller increases in the aforementioned dollar limits.

54 § 4. Subdivision 12 of section 373 of the education law, as amended by
55 section 2 of subpart A of part D of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, is
56 amended to read as follows:

12. To procure and execute contracts, lease agreements, and all other instruments necessary or convenient for the exercise of its corporate powers and the fulfillment of its corporate purposes under this article. ~~[Notwithstanding subdivision two of section one hundred twelve of the state finance law or any other law to the contrary, fund procurements shall not be subject to the prior approval of any state officer or agency.]~~

§ 5. Subdivisions a and a-1 of section 6218 of the education law, subdivision a as amended and subdivision a-1 as added by section 2 of subpart B of part D of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, subparagraph (i) of paragraph 1 of subdivision a as amended by section 33 of part L of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:

a. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of section one hundred twelve and sections one hundred fifteen, one hundred sixty-one and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law and sections three and six of the New York state printing and public documents law or any other law to the contrary, the city university is authorized and empowered to:

~~[(1)]~~ (i) purchase materials; proprietary electronic information resources, including, but not limited to, academic, professional and industry journals, reference handbooks and manuals, research tracking tools, indexes and abstracts; and equipment and supplies, including computer equipment and motor vehicles, where the amount for a single purchase does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, (ii) execute contracts for ~~[construction and construction-related services contracts]~~ services to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and (iii) contract for printing to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, without prior approval by any other state officer or agency, but subject to rules and regulations or guidelines of the state comptroller not otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this section and in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the city university board of trustees after consultation with the state comptroller. In addition, the trustees are authorized to annually negotiate with the state comptroller increases in the aforementioned dollar limits and the exemption of any articles, categories of articles or commodities from these limits. Guidelines promulgated by the city university board of trustees shall, to the extent practicable, require that competitive proposals be solicited for purchases, and shall include requirements that purchases and contracts authorized under this section be at the lowest possible price.

~~[(2) execute contracts for services to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars without prior approval by any other state officer or agency, but subject to rules and regulations of the state comptroller not otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this section and in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the city university board of trustees after consultation with the state comptroller. In addition, the trustees, after consultation with the commissioner of general services, are authorized to annually negotiate with the state comptroller increases in the aforementioned dollar limits and the exemption of any services or categories of services from these limits.]~~

~~a-1. Guidelines promulgated by the city university board of trustees shall, to the extent practicable, require that competitive proposals be solicited for purchases, and shall include requirements that purchases and contracts authorized under this section be at the lowest available price.]~~

§ 6. Section 6283 of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivisions 5 and 6 and paragraph b of subdivision 16 of section 355, subdivision 12 of section 373, and subdivisions a and a-1 of section 6218 of the education law made by sections two, three, four and five of this act shall not affect the expiration of such provisions pursuant to section 4 of subpart B of part D of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, as amended, and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

PART B

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2879 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 564 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

1. Every public authority and public benefit corporation, a majority of the members of which consist of persons either appointed by the governor or who serve as members by virtue of holding a civil office of the state, or a combination thereof, (such entities to be hereinafter in this section referred to as "corporation") shall adopt by resolution comprehensive guidelines consistent with the methods of evaluating bids and proposals and awarding of contracts authorized by sections one hundred thirty-six-a, one hundred sixty-three and one hundred sixty-three-a of the state finance law and subdivision six of section eight of the public buildings law, unless expressly authorized otherwise by law, which detail the corporation's operative policy and instructions regarding the use, awarding, monitoring and reporting of procurement contracts. Guidelines approved by the corporation shall be annually reviewed and approved by the corporation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART C

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 2882 to read as follows:

§ 2882. Third party contracting prohibited. 1. No state authority shall enter into a contract or agreement or extend an existing contract or agreement with another entity, unless authorized by special act of the legislature, (i) where the exclusive or primary role of such entity under the contract or agreement is to procure goods or services of any kind, including, but not limited to, public work, construction, alterations, or improvements to public facilities, grant contracts, employment contracts, revenue or concession contracts, the exchange of personal or real property, the exchange of services, or any combination thereof through a contract or agreement with a third party and (ii) where such entity is acting as a procurement conduit, rather than being directly responsible for the goods or services.

2. The comptroller may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce this section, including the standards for determining whether a contract is prohibited by this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to contracts entered into on and after such date.

PART D

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 148 to read as follows:

§ 148. Comptroller approval of the research foundation of the state university of New York contracts. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, before any contract made for or by the research foundation of the state university of New York which is to be paid in whole or in part from monies appropriated or assigned by the state shall be executed or become effective, whenever such contract exceeds one million dollars in amount, it shall first be approved by the state comptroller and filed in his or her office. The comptroller shall make a final written determination with respect to approval of such contract within ninety days of the submission of such contract to his or her office unless the comptroller shall notify, in writing, the research foundation of the state university of New York prior to the expiration of the ninety day period, and for good cause, of the need for an extension of not more than fifteen days, or a reasonable period of time agreed to by the research foundation of the state university of New York and provided, further, that such written determination or extension shall be made part of the procurement record.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to contracts entered into on and after such date.

PART E

Section 1. Section 139-b of the state finance law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 3 and 4 to read as follows:

3. A state contractor may be disqualified from selling to or submitting bids to or receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with the state or any public department, agency or official thereof, or any state authority, as such term is defined in section two of the public authorities law, for goods, work or services, for a knowing and willful failure by a principal to timely disclose to the contracting state entity credible evidence of fraud, conflict of interest, undue influence or duress, in connection with the award or performance of a state contract.

4. The office of general services, upon being notified by a contracting state entity of a potential violation of subdivision three of this section, shall notify the state contractor that sufficient cause exists to believe such potential violation has occurred and shall provide the state contractor an opportunity to be heard in response. In the event that a final determination is made that there has been a knowing and willful violation by the state contractor, such final determination shall be published on the office of general service's website and shall result in the state contractor being disqualified from receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with the state or any public department, agency or official thereof, or any state authority, as such term is defined in section two of the public authorities law, for goods, work or services for a period of five years. Any subsequent violation of this section will result in the state contractor being permanently disqualified.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding three new sections 139-l, 139-m and 139-n to read as follows:

§ 139-1. Conflicts of interest of state officers and employees in state procurements; prohibited. (a) No state officer or employee as defined in public officers law section seventy-three shall:

1. have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, in any contract other than one permissible pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section seventy-three of the public officers law; or

2. take any action or otherwise involve himself or herself in any activity which, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or the public officers law, would be deemed a conflict of interest for a state officer or employee that may reasonably be expected to impair the officer's or employee's independent judgment or ability to act impartially and in the best interest of the state, or that may reasonably create the appearance of impropriety through the appearance of favoritism or preferential treatment.

(b) If such conflict of interest exists, the state officer or employee must immediately recuse himself or herself in writing from the procurement and submit such recusal to the state agency officer in charge of procurement and contracting to be included in the procurement record to the state agency's ethics officer, and to the agency head.

§ 139-m. State officer or employee certification; no undue influence. Each state officer or employee as defined in public officers law section seventy-three or state consultant who exercised discretion or decision making in how a state contract was advertised, how the bids or proposals were evaluated, how the contractor was selected, or who signed the contract for the agency, shall certify in writing that no undue influence was exerted upon him or her, and that to the best of his or her knowledge that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the contract was not procured through fraud, duress or undue influence. The certification shall become part of the procurement record.

§ 139-n. State contractor code of business ethics and conduct. (a) Definitions. For purposes of this section:

1. the term "state contractor" shall mean any individual, organization, corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, nonprofit, joint venture, association, or any combination thereof that is pursuing or conducting business with and/or on behalf of a state agency, including, without limitation, consultants, suppliers, manufacturers, and any other vendors, bidders or proposers.

2. the term "state agency" shall mean any state department, or division, board, commission, or bureau of any state department.

(b) Policy. State contractors must conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity and honesty. No state contractor should take action to violate or circumvent state procurement or ethics laws.

(c) State contractor code of business ethics and conduct. Rule with respect to conflicts of interest. No state contractor should have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper execution of duties and responsibilities under the state contract.

(d) Standards. 1. No state contractor should engage in any business or professional activity which will impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of duties and responsibilities under the state contract.

2. No state contractor should engage in any business or professional activity which will require him or her to disclose confidential information acquired by reason of performance of duties and responsibilities under the state contract nor use such information to further his or her personal interests.

3. No state contractor should attempt to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or others, including but not limited to, the misappropriation to himself, herself or to others of the property, services or other resources of the state for private business or other compensated non-governmental purposes.

4. No state contractor should engage in any transaction with any business entity in which he or she has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties and responsibilities under the state contract.

5. A state contractor should not by his or her conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly enjoy his or her favor in the performance of his or her official duties under the contract, or that he or she is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.

6. A state contractor should abstain from making personal investments in enterprises which he or she has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him or her or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between his or her duty and responsibilities under the state contract and his or her private interest.

7. A state contractor should endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion that he or she is likely to be engaged in acts in violation of state procurement or ethics laws.

(e) Violations. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, a state agency may, in its discretion, terminate a contract that was awarded in violation of the requirements of this section. Any state contractor who knowingly and intentionally violates the state contractor code of business ethics and conduct shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and the value of any benefit received as a result of such violation.

§ 3. Article 1 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new title 3 to read as follows:

TITLE 3

ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR STATE AUTHORITIES AND STATE AUTHORITY CONTRACTORS

Section 10. Conflicts of interest of state authority board members, officers and employees in authority procurements; prohibited.

11. State authority board member, officer and employee certification; no undue influence

12. Code of business ethics and conduct for state authority contractors.

13. State authority contractor disqualification.

§ 10. Conflicts of interest of state authority board members, officers and employees in authority procurements; prohibited. 1. No state authority board member, officer or employee shall with respect to any state contract or state authority contract:

(a) have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, in any contract other than one permissible pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section seventy-three of the public officers law; or

(b) take any action or otherwise involve himself or herself in any activity which, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or the public officers law, would be deemed a conflict of interest that may reasonably be expected to impair the board member's, officer's or employee's independent judgment or ability to act impartially and in the best interest of the state authority, or that may reasonably create the appearance of impropriety through the appearance of favoritism or preferential treatment.

2. If such conflict of interest exists, the state authority board member, officer or employee must immediately recuse himself or herself in writing and submit such recusal to the state authority's ethics offi-

cer and any official or committee charged with overseeing ethical conduct in the authority, the chief executive official of the authority and the board chair, as appropriate, the appointing official, and the officer in charge of the authority's procurements to be included in the state authority's procurement record. Any state authority board member who submits such recusal shall also submit such recusal to the appointing official with responsibility for such board member's appointment and, in the case of board members appointed at the recommendation of another official, must also submit such recusal to the recommending official.

§ 11. State authority board member, officer or employee certification; no undue influence. Each state authority board member, officer or employee who exercised discretion or decision making in how a state authority contract was advertised, how the bids or proposals were evaluated, how the contractor was selected, or who signed the contract for the state authority, shall certify in writing that no undue influence was exerted upon him or her, and that to the best of his or her knowledge that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the contract was not procured through fraud, duress or undue influence. The certification shall become part of the state authority's procurement record.

§ 12. Code of business ethics and conduct for state authority contractors. 1. Policy. State authority contractors and subcontractors must conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity and honesty. No state authority contractor should take action to violate or circumvent state procurement or ethics laws. For purposes of this section, the term "state authority contractor" shall mean any individual, organization, corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, nonprofit, joint venture, association, or any combination thereof that is pursuing or conducting business with and/or on behalf of a state authority, including, without limitation, consultants, suppliers, manufacturers, and any other vendors, bidders or proposers.

2. Code of business ethics and conduct for state authority contractors. Rule with respect to conflicts of interest. No state authority contractor should have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper execution of duties and responsibilities under the contract.

3. Standards. (a) No state authority contractor should engage in any business or professional activity which will impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of duties and responsibilities under the contract.

(b) No state authority contractor should engage in any business or professional activity which will require him or her to disclose confidential information acquired by reason of performance of duties and responsibilities under the contract, nor use such information to further his or her personal interests.

(c) No state authority contractor should attempt to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or others, including but not limited to, the misappropriation to himself, herself or to others of the property, services or other resources of the state authority for private business or other compensated non-governmental purposes.

(d) No state authority contractor should engage in any transaction with any business entity in which he or she has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the prop-

er discharge of his or her duties and responsibilities under the contract.

(e) A state authority contractor should not by his or her conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly enjoy his or her favor in the performance of his or her duties under the contract, or that he or she is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.

(f) A state authority contractor should abstain from making personal investments in enterprises which he or she has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him or her or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between his or her duty and responsibilities under the contract and his or her private interest.

(g) A state authority contractor should endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion that he or she is likely to be engaged in acts in violation of state procurement or ethics laws.

4. Violations. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, the procuring state authority may, in its discretion, terminate a contract that was awarded in violation of the requirements of this section.

Any state authority contractor who knowingly and intentionally violates the code of business ethics and conduct for state authority contractors shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and the value of any benefit received as a result of such violation.

§ 13. State authority contractor disqualification. 1. A state authority contractor may be disqualified from selling to or submitting bids to or receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with a state authority for a knowing and willful failure by a principal to timely disclose to the contracting state authority credible evidence of fraud, conflict of interest, undue influence or duress in connection with the award or performance of a state authority contract.

2. If a state authority has sufficient cause to believe that a violation of subdivision one of this section has occurred, the state authority shall notify the state authority contractor and shall provide the state authority contractor an opportunity to be heard in response. In the event that there is a final determination that there has been a knowing and willful violation by the state authority contractor, such final determination shall result in the state authority contractor being disqualified from selling to or submitting bids to or receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with a state authority for a period of five years. Any subsequent violation of this section will result in the state authority contractor being permanently disqualified. The state authority shall provide notice of any disqualification pursuant to this section to the office of general services who shall publish such notice on its website.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART F

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 141 of the economic development law, as amended by section 14 of part L of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, is amended as follows:

3. "Procurement contract" shall mean any written agreement entered into by an agency for the acquisition of goods, services, or construction of any kind, including agreements awarded by an agency to a single source, a sole source or pursuant to any other method of procure-

1 ment that is not competitive, in the actual or estimated amount of fifty
2 thousand dollars or more. The term does not include an agreement for
3 employment in the civil service.

4 § 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 and subdivision 5 of section 142
5 of the economic development law, as amended by chapter 137 of the laws
6 of 2008, are amended and a new paragraph (d) is added to subdivision 2
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) for all ~~[other]~~ procurement contracts issued by agencies pursuant
9 to a competitive method of procurement including, but not limited to, an
10 invitation for bid, request for proposals or other means of sollicita-
11 tion, for an amount in excess of fifty thousand dollars (i) the name of
12 the contracting agency; (ii) the contract identification number; (iii) a
13 brief description of the goods or services sought, the location where
14 goods are to be delivered or services provided and the contract term;
15 (iv) the address where bids or proposals are to be submitted; (v) the
16 date when bids or proposals are due; (vi) a description of any eligibil-
17 ity or qualification requirement or preference; (vii) a statement as to
18 whether the contract requirements may be fulfilled by a subcontracting,
19 joint venture, or co-production arrangement; (viii) any other informa-
20 tion deemed useful to potential contractors; (ix) the name, address, and
21 telephone number of the person to be contacted for additional informa-
22 tion; and (x) a statement as to whether the goods or services sought had
23 in the immediately preceding three year period been supplied by a
24 foreign business enterprise.

25 (d) for all procurement contracts issued by agencies to a single
26 source, a sole source or pursuant to any other method of procurement
27 that is not competitive, for an amount in excess of fifty thousand
28 dollars (i) the name of the contracting agency; (ii) the name of the
29 recipient of the intended contract, if known at the time; (iii) the
30 contract identification number; (iv) a brief description of the goods or
31 services sought, the location where goods are to be delivered or
32 services provided and the contract term; (v) a description of any eligi-
33 bility or qualification requirement or preference; (vi) a statement as
34 to whether the contract requirements may be fulfilled by a subcontract-
35 ing, joint venture, or co-production arrangement; (vii) any other infor-
36 mation deemed useful to potential contractors; (viii) the name, address,
37 and telephone number of the person to be contacted for additional infor-
38 mation; and (ix) a statement as to whether the goods or services sought
39 had in the immediately preceding three year period been supplied by a
40 foreign business enterprise.

41 5. In addition to any other notice of procurement contract opportu-
42 nities required in this section, for procurement contracts in the amount
43 of two hundred thousand dollars or more to be awarded by all ~~[state]~~
44 agencies, each agency shall prepare for inclusion in the procurement
45 opportunities newsletter (a) a semi-annual listing of projected procure-
46 ment purchases by category, including projected purchases to be awarded
47 to a single source, a sole source or pursuant to any other method of
48 procurement that is not competitive; (b) an explanation of how to apply
49 for placement on any bidder list maintained by the agency; and (c) a
50 description of procedures for providing advance notification by mail to
51 individuals or business entities on such bidder lists of any request for
52 proposals, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the
53 agency. The commissioner, in consultation with each agency, shall
54 arrange a schedule for each agency's semi-annual listing.

55 § 3. Subdivisions 1 and 4 of section 143 of the economic development
56 law, subdivision 1 as added by chapter 564 of the laws of 1988 and

subdivision 4 as added by section 16 of part L of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:

1. Prior to awarding any procurement contract, each agency shall submit to the commissioner information sufficient to enable publication of the notices of procurement contract opportunities described in subdivision two of section one hundred forty-two of this article. Such information shall be submitted to the commissioner in sufficient time to allow a minimum of fifteen business days between publication of such notice and the date on which a bid or proposal is due, except where a shorter period is specifically authorized by law provided, however:

(a) in the case of procurement contracts issued by a public benefit corporation or state authority whose contracts and payments are not approved and pre-audited by the comptroller, to a single source, a sole source or pursuant to any other method of procurement that is not competitive, in sufficient time to allow a minimum of fifteen business days between publication of such notice and the date on which the state authority or public benefit corporation intends to make a contract award; or

(b) in the case of procurement contracts issued by agencies other than public benefit corporations or state authorities, to a single source, a sole source or pursuant to any other method of procurement that is not competitive, in sufficient time to allow a minimum of fifteen business days between publication of such notice and the date the agency intends to deliver the request for exemption from advertising to the state comptroller.

4. At the time an agency enters into a contract with a single or sole source provider pursuant to section one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, or pursuant to any other method of procurement that is not competitive, for an amount in excess of fifty thousand dollars, such agency shall submit an announcement of the intended contract for inclusion in the procurement opportunities newsletter, and shall specify the recipient of the contract.

§ 4. Section 146 of the economic development law, as amended by chapter 173 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 146. Approval of comptroller. The comptroller shall not approve or file any procurement contract for the acquisition of goods or services, or construction of any kind, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars or more unless notice as provided in section one hundred forty-two of this article shall first have been published in the procurement opportunities newsletter at least fifteen business days prior to the date on which a bid or proposal was due or, in the case of procurement contracts issued to a single source, a sole source or pursuant to any other method of procurement that is not competitive, at least fifteen business days prior to the date on which the agency intends to deliver the request for exemption from advertising to the state comptroller and enter into the contract. Provided, however, such requirement of publication of advance notice shall not apply to contracts exempt from such requirement under section one hundred forty-four of this article; provided further, that the comptroller shall not be required to disapprove a contract if he or she determines that there has been substantial compliance with the requirements of section one hundred forty-two and section one hundred forty-three of this article. The foregoing provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit, in any manner, the right of the comptroller to demand evidence of adequate competition or such other proofs as he or she may require in the discharge of his or her responsibilities

1 pursuant to section one hundred twelve of the state finance law or any
2 other provision of law.

3 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to
4 procurements initiated on and after such date.

5 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
6 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
7 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
8 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
9 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
10 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
11 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
12 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
13 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
15 the applicable effective date of Parts A through F of this act shall be
16 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.