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Introduced by Sen. C. JOHNSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to the adoption of the DUNS number as a mandatory vendor identifier for all New York state contractors and the establishment of a mandatory, central vendor registration portal

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 169 to read as follows:

S 169. DUNS NUMBER AND CENTRAL VENDOR PORTAL. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF REDUCING GOVERNMENT COSTS, IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY AND PROVIDING FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY TO ALL BUSINESSES REGARDLESS OF SIZE OR ETHNICITY, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES AND THE DIVISION OF BUDGET, SHALL:

A. REQUIRE THAT CONTRACTORS SELECTED TO OFFER CENTRALIZED CONTRACTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR COMMODITIES, SERVICES OR TECHNOLOGY AND ANY GRANTEES OF SUCH CENTRALIZED CONTRACTS SHALL HAVE A DUNS NUMBER;

B. CREATE A MANDATORY, CENTRAL DATABASE OF ALL NEW YORK STATE VENDORS, WHICH SHALL HOUSE DUNS NUMBERS AND FACILITATE DATA SHARING, COST SAVINGS, ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY AND TRANSPARENCY;

C. ESTABLISH A CENTRAL VENDOR PORTAL;

D. ESTABLISH A SINGLE, AUTHORITATIVE, PUBLICLY-AVAILABLE WEBSITE FOR REPORTING ALL NEW YORK STATE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND GRANTS. STATE AGENCIES SHALL REPORT ALL CONTRACT AND GRANT ACTIONS TO THIS SITE IN A TIMELY MANNER, USING THE DUNS NUMBER AS THE IDENTIFIER TO IMPROVE DATA INTEGRITY; AND

E. REQUIRE A DUNS NUMBER FOR ALL STATE CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEES TO ASSIST WITH COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (2009 PUB. L. 111-5) AND TO REDUCE COSTS AND IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY TO NEW YORK TAXPAYERS.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

A. "DUNS NUMBER" SHALL MEAN A UNIQUE NUMERIC IDENTIFIER ASSIGNED TO A SINGLE BUSINESS ENTITY PURSUANT TO THE DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM.

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

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B. "CENTRAL VENDOR PORTAL" SHALL MEAN A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR BUSINESSES TO REGISTER TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE STATE. SUCH CENTRAL VENDOR PORTAL SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR BUSINESSES TO UTILIZE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN CONTRACTS OR GRANTS FROM THE STATE. THE DUNS NUMBER SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO SUCH CENTRAL VENDOR PORTAL.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law and shall comply to contracts entered into on or after such date; provided, however, that effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.