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AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to creating a directory of technical and financial assistance programs for small businesses and minority and women owned business enterprises

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

1 Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new
2 section 107 to read as follows:

3 S 107. DIRECTORY OF SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSI-
4 NESS ENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE. 1. THE OFFICE SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A
5 REGISTRY OF STATE, FEDERAL, PRIVATE AND NON-PROFIT TECHNICAL AND FINAN-
6 CIAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
7 AND SMALL BUSINESSES, GENERALLY.

8 2. THE OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN THE FORMAT AND CONTENT OF SUCH REGISTRY
9 ON A COMPUTERIZED DIRECTORY WHICH SHALL BE UPDATED AT LEAST MONTHLY AND
10 SHALL PROVIDE A METHOD FOR WHICH REGISTRY INFORMATION MAY BE DELIVERED
11 TO THE OFFICE ELECTRONICALLY. THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO
12 SUCH COMPUTERIZED DIRECTORY IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS TO
13 SEARCH THE DIRECTORY BY NAME, DATE OR TYPE OF ASSISTANCE.

14 3. THE PROGRAMS LISTED SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL
15 ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER DIVIDED INTO PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSI-
16 NESSES GENERALLY AND DEDICATE A WEBPAGE OR DIRECTORY TO PROGRAMS APPLI-
17 CABLE SOLELY TO MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

18 4. EACH PROGRAM LISTED SHALL CONTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION INCLUDING
19 A PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE OFFERED, INSTRUCTIONS FOR
20 APPLICATION TO SUCH PROGRAM, THE DEADLINE FOR SUCH APPLICATION, THE
21 NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT PERSON AT SUCH STATE OR
22 FEDERAL AGENCY OR PRIVATE FOUNDATION, AND IN THE CASE OF FINANCIAL
23 ASSISTANCE THE AMOUNT OF SUCH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AND THE SOURCE OF
24 FUNDS.

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

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1 5. THE DIRECTORY CREATED BY THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO MAINTAIN A DIREC-
2 TORY OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE NAME, ADDRESS AND
3 PHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT PERSON AT SUCH AGENCY.

4 6. THE DIRECTORY CREATED BY THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO MAINTAIN CENSUS
5 DATA FROM THE MOST RECENT UNITED STATES CENSUS.

6 7. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
7 THIS SECTION.

8 8. THE DIRECTORY CREATED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
9 WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.