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AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing a cross regional small business partnership program

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 134 of the economic development  
2     law, as added by chapter 361 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     11. provide assistance to small business in the state, and facilitate  
5     access to programs serving small business, to ensure that such busi-  
6     nesses benefit, as needed, from technical, managerial, financial, and  
7     general business assistance; training; marketing; organization and  
8     personnel skill development; project management assistance; technology  
9     assistance; bond and insurance education assistance; and other business  
10    development assistance. In addition, either independently or in conjunc-  
11    tion with other state agencies:  
12    (a) develop a clearinghouse of information on programs and services  
13    provided by entities that may assist such businesses; [and]  
14    (b) seek to maximize utilization by small businesses of available  
15    federal resources including but not limited to federal grants, loans,  
16    loan guarantees, surety bonding guarantees, technical assistance, and  
17    programs and services of the federal small business administration[.];  
18    AND  
19    (C) DEVELOP A CROSS REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM THAT  
20    SEEKS TO FOSTER PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN SMALL BUSINESSES FROM DIFFERENT  
21    REGIONS OF THE STATE. THE CROSS REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WOULD BE  
22    REQUIRED TO, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, (I) INITIATE AND ENCOURAGE SMALL  
23    BUSINESS VENTURES THAT FOSTER JOINT DEVELOPMENT IN ONE OR MORE REGIONS  
24    OF THE STATE; (II) PROMOTE THE USE OF PRODUCTS THAT ARE GROWN, MADE,  
25    PROCESSED OR MANUFACTURED IN NEW YORK; (III) PROMOTE THE USE OF SHARED  
26    FACILITIES, WHEN FEASIBLE, FOR THE PROCESSING, PRODUCTION OR MANUFACTUR-  
27    ING OF PRODUCTS; AND (IV) ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE JOB DEVELOPMENT WITHIN  
28    THE STATE.  
29    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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