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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI, McDONALD -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. PERRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state technology law, in relation to the creation of a state information technology innovation center; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The state technology law is amended by adding a new section 103-a to read as follows:

§ 103-a. State information technology innovation center. 1. The director may establish a state information technology innovation center or "iCenter" to develop, pilot, and consider technology solutions to assist the state, state agencies, authorities, municipalities and other governmental entities find potential solutions to their technology needs or requirements. The director shall ensure the iCenter complies with all state laws, rules, regulations, and policies. Vendor participation in the iCenter shall not be construed to:

(a) create preferred status for any vendor in any government procurement, or

(b) abrogate the requirement that technology procurements are awarded pursuant to all applicable laws, including such laws requiring a competitive process.

2. The director shall implement, by regulation, procedures to carry out the provisions of this section. Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) establishing the process for selecting vendors for participation in the iCenter, which shall be a public process;

(b) establishing a process to determine which technology needs or requirements shall be iCenter initiatives; and

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

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(c) establishing safeguards to ensure the iCenter does not function in a manner that results in the circumvention of competitive bidding, including but not limited to through single and sole source exemptions.

3. The director shall conduct an outreach campaign informing the public of the iCenter and shall conduct specific outreach to minority and women-owned business enterprises certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law, small businesses as such term is defined in section one hundred thirty-one of the economic development law, and service disabled veteran owned business enterprises certified pursuant to article seventeen-B of the executive law to inform such businesses of iCenter initiatives.

4. Every October first, beginning in two thousand eighteen, the director shall submit a report to the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, and the governor detailing iCenter initiatives undertaken in the prior year. Such report shall include but not be limited to: an identification of any resources used to support the iCenter in the prior year; the number and nature of iCenter initiatives undertaken in the prior year; the identity of vendors that participated in the iCenter in the prior year, any iCenter initiatives piloted in the prior year that were subsequently awarded a procurement contract with any state agency; any future initiatives being considered for inclusion in the iCenter; and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the iCenter. Such report shall be publicly posted on the office's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed June 30, 2020.