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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:

1 Section 1. The state technology law is amended by adding a new section
2 103-a to read as follows:

3 § 103-a. State information technology innovation center. 1. The direc-
4 tor may establish a state information technology innovation center or
5 "iCenter" to develop, pilot, and consider technology solutions to assist
6 the state, state agencies, authorities, municipalities and other govern-
7 mental entities find potential solutions to their technology needs or
8 requirements. The director shall ensure the iCenter complies with all
9 state laws, rules, regulations, and policies. Vendor participation in
10 the iCenter shall not be construed to:

11 (a) create preferred status for any vendor in any government procure-
12 ment, or

13 (b) abrogate the requirement that technology procurements are awarded
14 pursuant to all applicable laws, including such laws requiring a compet-
15 itive process.

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

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

21 (b) establishing a process to determine which technology needs or
22 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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1 (c) establishing safeguards to ensure the iCenter does not function in
2 a manner that results in the circumvention of competitive bidding,
3 including but not limited to through single and sole source exemptions.

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

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

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