

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ALCANTARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to requiring state contractors submit a statement on human trafficking

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

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section
2 139-d-1 to read as follows:

3 § 139-d-1. Statement on human trafficking in bids to the state. 1.
4 (a) Every bid hereafter made to the state or any public department,
5 agency or official thereof, where competitive bidding is required by
6 statute, rule or regulation, for work or services performed or to be
7 performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the following
8 statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true
9 under the penalties of perjury:

10 "By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on
11 behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each
12 party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of
13 perjury, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, the goods,
14 work or services to be supplied or performed will be supplied or
15 performed without doing business with any organization, person, or enti-
16 ty that is or has engaged in human trafficking."

17 (b) In addition to the statement required by paragraph (a) of this
18 subdivision, any bidder that maintains a written policy for preventing
19 human trafficking within its operations, business dealings, and supply
20 chain shall submit to the state or any public department, agency or
21 official thereof soliciting such bid such current written policy when
22 submitting such statement.

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

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1 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the statement on human trafficking
2 or written policy for preventing human trafficking required pursuant to
3 subdivision one of this section may be submitted electronically in
4 accordance with the provisions of subdivision seven of section one
5 hundred sixty-three of this chapter.

6 3. A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made
7 where subdivision one of this section has not been complied with;
8 provided however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the forego-
9 ing certification, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the
10 bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor.

11 4. Any bid hereafter made to the state or any public department, agen-
12 cy or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services
13 performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where compet-
14 itive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation, and where such
15 bid contains the certification or written policy referred to in subdivi-
16 sion one of this section, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the
17 board of directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed
18 to include the signing and submission of the bid and the inclusion ther-
19 ein of the certificate on human trafficking and written policy for
20 preventing human trafficking as the act and deed of the corporation.

21 5. For the purposes of this section, the term "engaged in human traf-
22 ficking" shall not be construed to include an individual who is or was a
23 victim of human trafficking.

24 § 2. Subdivision 7 of section 163 of the state finance law, as amended
25 by section 10 of part L of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 7. Method of procurement. Consistent with the requirements of subdivi-
28 sions three and four of this section, state agencies shall select among
29 permissible methods of procurement including, but not limited to, an
30 invitation for bid, request for proposals or other means of solicitation
31 pursuant to guidelines issued by the state procurement council. State
32 agencies may accept bids electronically including submission of the
33 statement of non-collusion required by section one hundred thirty-nine-d
34 of this chapter, and the statement on human trafficking and written
35 policy for preventing human trafficking required by section one hundred
36 thirty-nine-d-1 of this chapter, and, starting April first, two thousand
37 twelve, and ending March thirty-first, two thousand fifteen, may, for
38 commodity, service and technology contracts require electronic
39 submission as the sole method for the submission of bids for the solic-
40 itation. State agencies shall undertake no more than eighty-five such
41 electronic bid solicitations, none of which shall be reverse auctions,
42 prior to April first, two thousand fifteen. In addition, state agencies
43 may conduct up to twenty reverse auctions through electronic means,
44 prior to April first, two thousand fifteen. Prior to requiring the elec-
45 tronic submission of bids, the agency shall make a determination, which
46 shall be documented in the procurement record, that electronic
47 submission affords a fair and equal opportunity for offerers to submit
48 responsive offers. Within thirty days of the completion of the eighty-
49 fifth electronic bid solicitation, or by April first, two thousand
50 fifteen, whichever is earlier, the commissioner shall prepare a report
51 assessing the use of electronic submissions and make recommendations
52 regarding future use of this procurement method. In addition, within
53 thirty days of the completion of the twentieth reverse auction through
54 electronic means, or by April first, two thousand fifteen, whichever is
55 earlier, the commissioner shall prepare a report assessing the use of
56 reverse auctions through electronic means and make recommendations

1 regarding future use of this procurement method. Such reports shall be
2 published on the website of the office of general services. Except where
3 otherwise provided by law, procurements shall be competitive, and state
4 agencies shall conduct formal competitive procurements to the maximum
5 extent practicable. State agencies shall document the determination of
6 the method of procurement and the basis of award in the procurement
7 record. Where the basis for award is the best value offer, the state
8 agency shall document, in the procurement record and in advance of the
9 initial receipt of offers, the determination of the evaluation criteria,
10 which whenever possible, shall be quantifiable, and the process to be
11 used in the determination of best value and the manner in which the
12 evaluation process and selection shall be conducted.

13 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
14 have become a law and shall only apply to contracts entered into on or
15 after such effective date; provided however, that the amendments to
16 subdivision 7 of section 163 of the state finance law made by section
17 two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be
18 deemed repealed therewith.