STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 18, 2021

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to outreach programming for minority and women-owned business enterprises; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subdivision 3 of section 311 of the executive law, as added by chapter 261 of the laws of 1988, are amended to read as follows:

(a) to encourage and assist contracting agencies in their efforts to increase participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises on state contracts and subcontracts so as to facilitate the award of a fair share of such contracts to them **and to provide on the division's website a list of each contracting agency's minority and women-owned business enterprises certification outreach seminars, contacts, resources, events and opportunities**;

(c) to conduct educational **outreach** programs **to encourage the certification of minority and women-owned business enterprises, as defined by subdivisions seven and fifteen of section three hundred ten of this article, and to promote such program to groups of minorities, with an emphasis on under-represented minorities,** consistent with the purposes of this article**. As used in this paragraph, "under-represented minorities" means minority groups with a state contract participation percentage of less than twenty percent of the total minority and women-owned business enterprise participation, such as blacks and Hispanics**;

§ 2. The sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the division of minority and women's business development from any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account, not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions

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

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of section one of this act. Such sum shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the division of minority and women's business development, or its duly designated representative in the manner provided by law. No expenditure shall be made from this appropriation until a certificate of approval of availability shall have been issued by the director of the budget and filed with the state comptroller and a copy filed with the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee. Such certificate may be amended from time to time by the director of the budget and a copy of each such amendment shall be filed with the state comptroller, the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to section 311 of the executive law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.