

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 3020

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

February 22, 2008

An act to amend Section 14839 of the Government Code, relating to small business programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3020, as introduced, Salas. Small business programs: National Guard members.

Existing law, the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act, establishes the Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services within the Department of General Services and assigns to it various duties to assist small businesses and disabled veteran business enterprises, as defined, in contracting with the state.

This bill would add National Guard members who qualify as owning a small business or microbusiness to the population assisted by the office in contracting with the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14839 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 14839. There is hereby established within the department, the
- 4 Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
- 5 Services. The duties of the office shall include *the following*:

1 (a) Compiling and maintaining a comprehensive bidders list of
2 qualified small businesses, *members of the National Guard who*
3 *qualify as owning a small business*, and disabled veteran business
4 enterprises, and noting which small businesses also qualify as
5 microbusinesses.

6 (b) Coordinating with the Federal Small Business
7 Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency, and
8 the Office of Small Business Development of the Department of
9 Economic and Business Development.

10 (c) Providing technical and managerial aids to small businesses,
11 microbusinesses, *members of the National Guard who qualify as*
12 *owning a small business or a microbusiness*, and disabled veteran
13 business enterprises, by conducting workshops on matters in
14 connection with government procurement and contracting.

15 (d) Assisting small businesses, microbusinesses, *members of*
16 *the National Guard who qualify as owning a small business or a*
17 *microbusiness*, and disabled veteran business enterprises, in
18 complying with the procedures for bidding on state contracts.

19 (e) Working with appropriate state, federal, local, and private
20 organizations and business enterprises in disseminating information
21 on bidding procedures and opportunities available to small
22 businesses, microbusinesses, *members of the National Guard who*
23 *qualify as owning a small business or a microbusiness*, and
24 disabled veteran business enterprises.

25 (f) Making recommendations to the department and other state
26 agencies for simplification of specifications and terms in order to
27 increase the opportunities for small business, microbusiness,
28 *members of the National Guard who qualify as owning a small*
29 *business or a microbusiness*, and disabled veteran business
30 enterprise participation.

31 (g) Developing, by regulation, other programs and practices
32 that are reasonably necessary to aid and protect the interest of small
33 businesses, microbusinesses, *members of the National Guard who*
34 *qualify as owning a small business or a microbusiness*, and
35 disabled veteran business enterprises in contracting with the state.

36 (h) Making efforts to develop, in cooperation with associations
37 representing counties, cities, and special districts, a core statewide
38 small business certification application that may be adopted by all
39 participating entities, with any supplemental provisions to be added
40 as necessary by the respective entities.

- 1 (i) The information furnished by each contractor requesting a
- 2 small business or microbusiness preference shall be under penalty
- 3 of perjury.

O