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1 AN ACT Relating to state contracts with veteran-owned businesses;
2 amending RCW 43.60A.010, 43.19.536, 39.80.040, and 47.28.030; adding
3 new sections to chapter 43.60A RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 43.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new
5 section to chapter 39.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 39.29
6 RCW; and creating new sections.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the unique
9 sacrifices made by veterans and the substantial challenges that
10 returning veterans face after a period of military duty away from home.
11 The legislature further recognizes that veterans who own private
12 businesses may face particular hardships as a direct result of their
13 military service. The purpose of this act is to mitigate economic
14 damage to veteran-owned businesses as a result of military service, and
15 to provide opportunities to them in recognition of the outstanding
16 service they have given to their country.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.60A.010 and 2006 c 343 s 2 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 As used in this chapter the following words and phrases shall have
2 the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

3 (1) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.

4 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of veterans
5 affairs.

6 (3) "Committee" means the veterans affairs advisory committee.

7 (4) "Board" means the veterans innovations program board.

8 (5) "Goods and services" includes professional services and all
9 other goods and services.

10 (6) "Procurement" means the purchase, lease, or rental of any goods
11 or services.

12 (7) "State agency" includes the state of Washington and all
13 agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, and
14 correctional and other types of institutions.

15 (8) "Veteran-owned business" means a business that is certified by
16 the department to be at least fifty-one percent owned and controlled
17 by:

18 (a) A veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007; or

19 (b) An active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces
20 of the United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and
21 armed forces reserves.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.60A RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 (1) The department shall develop a procedure for certifying
25 veteran-owned businesses and maintain a list of veteran-owned
26 businesses on the department's public web site.

27 (2) The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement this
28 act. The department shall consult agencies to determine what specific
29 information they must report to the department.

30 (3) The department shall collaborate with and may assist agencies
31 in implementing outreach to veteran-owned businesses.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.60A RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) State agencies are encouraged to award three percent of all
35 procurement contracts that are exempt from competitive bidding

1 requirements under RCW 43.19.1906(2) to veteran-owned businesses
2 certified by the department under section 3 of this act.

3 (2) State agencies shall:

4 (a) Perform outreach to veteran-owned businesses in collaboration
5 with the department to increase opportunities for veteran-owned
6 businesses to sell goods and services to the state; and

7 (b) Work to match agency procurement records with the department's
8 database of certified veteran-owned businesses to establish how many
9 procurement contracts are being awarded to those businesses.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The department of general administration shall identify in the
13 department's vendor registry all vendors that are veteran-owned
14 businesses as certified by the department of veterans affairs under
15 section 3 of this act.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.19.536 and 1983 c 120 s 13 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) All contracts entered into and purchases made, including
19 leasing or renting, under this chapter on or after September 1, 1983,
20 are subject to the requirements established under chapter 39.19 RCW.

21 (2) All procurement contracts entered into under this chapter on or
22 after the effective date of this act are subject to the requirements
23 established under section 4 of this act.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 All procurement contracts entered into under this chapter on or
27 after the effective date of this act are subject to the requirements
28 established under section 4 of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 39.04 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 All procurement contracts entered into under this chapter on or
32 after the effective date of this act are subject to the requirements
33 established under section 4 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 39.29 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 All procurement contracts entered into under this chapter on or
4 after the effective date of this act are subject to the requirements
5 established under section 4 of this act.

6 **Sec. 10.** RCW 39.80.040 and 1981 c 61 s 4 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 In the procurement of architectural and engineering services, the
9 agency shall encourage firms engaged in the lawful practice of their
10 profession to submit annually a statement of qualifications and
11 performance data. The agency shall evaluate current statements of
12 qualifications and performance data on file with the agency, together
13 with those that may be submitted by other firms regarding the proposed
14 project, and shall conduct discussions with one or more firms regarding
15 anticipated concepts and the relative utility of alternative methods of
16 approach for furnishing the required services and then shall select
17 therefrom, based upon criteria established by the agency, the firm
18 deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required
19 for the proposed project. Such agency procedures and guidelines shall
20 include a plan to insure that minority and women-owned firms and
21 veteran-owned firms are afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to
22 compete for and obtain public contracts for services. The level of
23 participation by minority and women-owned firms and veteran-owned firms
24 shall be consistent with their general availability within the
25 professional communities involved.

26 **Sec. 11.** RCW 47.28.030 and 2007 c 218 s 90 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 A state highway shall be constructed, altered, repaired, or
29 improved, and improvements located on property acquired for
30 right-of-way purposes may be repaired or renovated pending the use of
31 such right-of-way for highway purposes, by contract or state forces.
32 The work or portions thereof may be done by state forces when the
33 estimated costs thereof are less than fifty thousand dollars and
34 effective July 1, 2005, sixty thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That when
35 delay of performance of such work would jeopardize a state highway or
36 constitute a danger to the traveling public, the work may be done by

1 state forces when the estimated cost thereof is less than eighty
2 thousand dollars and effective July 1, 2005, one hundred thousand
3 dollars. When the department of transportation determines to do the
4 work by state forces, it shall enter a statement upon its records to
5 that effect, stating the reasons therefor. To enable a larger number
6 of small businesses((7)) and veteran, minority, and women contractors
7 to effectively compete for department of transportation contracts, the
8 department may adopt rules providing for bids and award of contracts
9 for the performance of work, or furnishing equipment, materials,
10 supplies, or operating services whenever any work is to be performed
11 and the engineer's estimate indicates the cost of the work would not
12 exceed eighty thousand dollars and effective July 1, 2005, one hundred
13 thousand dollars. The rules adopted under this section:

14 (1) Shall provide for competitive bids to the extent that
15 competitive sources are available except when delay of performance
16 would jeopardize life or property or inconvenience the traveling
17 public; and

18 (2) Need not require the furnishing of a bid deposit nor a
19 performance bond, but if a performance bond is not required then
20 progress payments to the contractor may be required to be made based on
21 submittal of paid invoices to substantiate proof that disbursements
22 have been made to laborers, material suppliers, mechanics, and
23 subcontractors from the previous partial payment; and

24 (3) May establish prequalification standards and procedures as an
25 alternative to those set forth in RCW 47.28.070, but the
26 prequalification standards and procedures under RCW 47.28.070 shall
27 always be sufficient.

28 The department of transportation shall comply with such goals and
29 rules as may be adopted by the office of minority and women's business
30 enterprises to implement chapter 39.19 RCW with respect to contracts
31 entered into under this chapter. The department may adopt such rules
32 as may be necessary to comply with the rules adopted by the office of
33 minority and women's business enterprises under chapter 39.19 RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** This act is not intended to create a cause
35 of action or entitlement in an individual or class of individuals.

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