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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the small business enhancement
2 program; and adding a new section to chapter 39.19 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 39.19
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The small business enhancement program is established within
7 the office to facilitate opportunities for business growth and
8 increased job development, spur entrepreneurship and leadership, and
9 increase the number and quality of certified businesses enterprises
10 qualifying for contracts with state and local governments.

11 (2) To accomplish the goals of the program, the office shall:

12 (a) Identify new small businesses eligible for certification
13 under this chapter. The office shall work with community
14 organizations, including associate development organizations defined
15 in RCW 43.330.010 to identify new businesses;

16 (b) Assist identified small businesses in the certification
17 process;

18 (c) Provide training and information to small businesses on
19 preparing proposals for government contracts;

20 (d) Assist small businesses in developing a business plan that
21 will enable them to grow and be successful; and

1 (e) Provide established certified businesses development services
2 that focus on business growth, job growth, and increased
3 participation in government contracting.

4 (3) The office shall work with the department of commerce to
5 leverage grants, programs, federal funds, and other resources to
6 accomplish the goals of the program.

7 (4) "Small business" for purposes of this section means a
8 minority, women, or socially and economically disadvantaged business
9 enterprise that has two hundred fifty or fewer employees.

10 (5) The office must develop outcome-focused performance measures
11 to assess program effectiveness. Performance measures shall include,
12 but not be limited to: The number of new businesses identified and
13 certified by the office; the number of jobs created and sustained;
14 the number of existing certified businesses that increase the number
15 of government contracts secured; and the growth of minority, women,
16 and disadvantaged business enterprises securing government contracts.

17 (6) The office shall report to the governor and the appropriate
18 committees of the legislature on the effectiveness of the program by
19 December 1, 2016.

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