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2 SENATE BILL NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the technical services contract fund;
7 and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 45 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 96. TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT FUND.

11 Sec. 45.96.010. TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT FUND. There is
12 created within the department the technical services contract fund. The
13 fund may be used only for the award of contracts to technical services
14 organizations as provided in this chapter.

15 Sec. 45.96.020. TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT AWARDS. (a) Techni-
16 cal services contracts may be awarded to qualified technical service
17 organizations that provide technical services to small businesses with-
18 out charge.

19 (b) In awarding technical services contracts the committee shall
20 consider

21 (1) the likelihood that small business development will be
22 enhanced and employment opportunities expanded in areas of the state
23 with high rates of unemployment;

24 (2) the past performance of the technical services organiza-
25 tion seeking the award in providing technical services to small busines-
26 ses;

27 (3) the relative cost of delivering technical services to the
28 small businesses proposed to be served;

29 (4) the capability of the technical services organization to

1 successfully provide technical services under the contract.

2 (c) The commissioner of commerce and economic development may
3 award a provisional technical services contract, subject to ratification
4 by the committee, if

5 (1) a quorum of the technical services review committee
6 cannot be convened within 30 days after the submittal to the committee
7 of a technical services contract for its approval; and

8 (2) after making findings of fact, he determines that award
9 of the contract would be in the best interests of the state.

10 (d) Five per cent of the amount of each technical services con-
11 tract award shall be used to perform an independent evaluation of the
12 technical services organization's performance under the contract and the
13 impact of the technical services upon the small business served. The
14 technical services organization shall select a person to perform the
15 evaluation from a list of at least 10 qualified persons published by the
16 department. The evaluation shall consider, but need not be limited to,
17 (1) the number of jobs created as a result of the technical services;
18 (2) any resulting expansion of small business opportunities; (3) any
19 related success in acquiring financing experienced by recipients of the
20 technical services; and (4) government policies beneficial and adverse
21 to the operation of the small business. Before March 1 of each year the
22 department shall submit to the legislature a report of the results of
23 the evaluations performed during the previous year.

24 Sec. 45.96.030. TECHNICAL SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE. (a) The
25 technical services review committee is composed of the commissioner of
26 commerce and economic development, the commissioner of revenue, and the
27 commissioner of administration, or their respective designees. The
28 commissioner of commerce and economic development, or his designee,
29 shall act as chairman of the committee and the commissioner of revenue,

1 or his designee, shall act as vice-chairman of the committee.

2 (b) The committee shall establish by regulation qualifications for
3 technical services organizations and award technical services contracts.

4 (c) The Department of Labor shall provide the committee with
5 employment statistics and other information as requested by the com-
6 mittee.

7 (d) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a
8 quorum for the transaction of business or the exercise of a function at
9 a meeting of the committee.

10 Sec. 45.96.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, unless the context
11 requires otherwise,

12 (1) "committee" means the technical services review commit-
13 tee;

14 (2) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Eco-
15 nomic Development;

16 (3) "small business" means a business entity incorporated or
17 otherwise organized under state law and that has (A) annual gross sales
18 under \$5,000,000 or (B) fewer than 20 employees;

19 (4) "technical services" includes assistance in (A) business
20 management; (B) financial planning; (C) governmental reporting and
21 interaction; (D) determination of market potential; (E) project feasi-
22 bility; and (F) routine legal affairs;

23 (5) "technical services organization" means a business entity
24 incorporated or otherwise organized under state law that provides tech-
25 nical services to small businesses.

26 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1979.
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