

TO: State House Press

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SUBJECT: Proposing the readoption, with amendments, of the administrative rules titled at N.J.A.C. 17:13 (N.J.A.C. 12A:10), "Goods and Services Contracts for Small Businesses, Minority Businesses and Female Businesses".

The Department of the Treasury, with the Division of Purchase and Property, the centralized procurement agency for State government, is, in concert with the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, proposing the readoption, with amendments, of the administrative rules titled at N.J.A.C. 17:13 (N.J.A.C. 12A:10), "Goods and Services Contracts for Small Businesses, Minority Businesses and Female Businesses". The proposal maintains the current set-aside contracting and sub-contracting procurement programs administered by the Division of Purchase and Property and the small business registration and minority business and female business certification programs administered by the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, and contains amended and new text to correct noted deficiencies and enhance the clarity and completeness of the rules, and to elucidate program adjustments, including requirements for certification by the Commerce and Economic Growth Commission prior to the date of bid submittals.

Interested persons can access the proposal in the New Jersey Register publication dated May 5, 2003. The 60-day public comment period ends on July 4, 2003.