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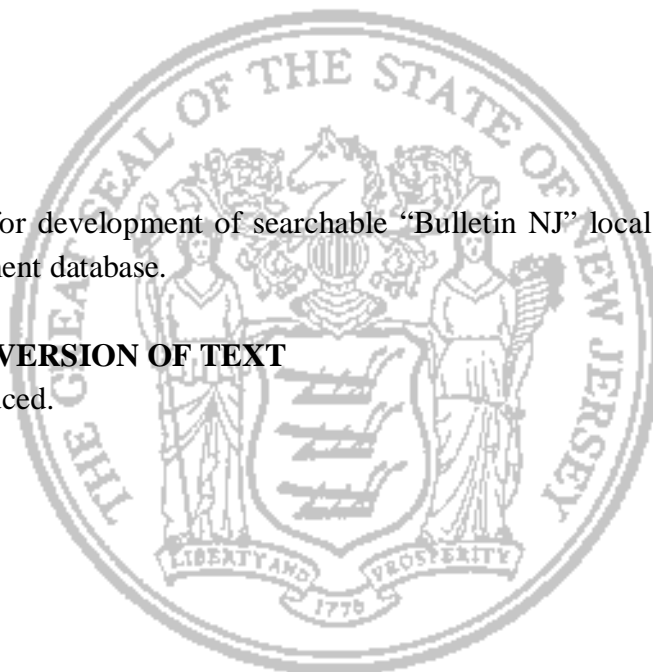
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SYNOPSIS

Provides for development of searchable "Bulletin NJ" local public bidding and employment database.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the development of a searchable local public
2 bidding and employment database and supplementing P.L.1971,
3 c.198.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The Department of Community Affairs, in consultation
9 with the Office of Information Technology, shall design, develop,
10 and maintain a single, searchable Internet database, to be known as
11 "Bulletin NJ," that contains and displays information on
12 employment opportunities, requests for proposals, and other
13 government procurement opportunities published by a contracting
14 unit.

15 b. Each entry in the Internet database shall include the
16 following:

17 (1) a detailed description of the services required;

18 (2) the format and procedure to be followed in submitting
19 proposals;

20 (3) the specific information which qualified vendors must
21 provide in the proposal;

22 (4) a statement setting forth the relative importance of factors,
23 including cost, which the contracting unit will consider in
24 evaluating a proposal submitted by a qualified vendor;

25 (5) the date and time of day by which, and the place at which,
26 the proposals shall be submitted to the contracting unit; and

27 (6) any other information which the contracting unit deems
28 appropriate.

29 c. In addition to the requirements specified in subsection a. of
30 this section, the Internet database shall:

31 (1) be accessible from the Department of Community Affairs
32 Internet website;

33 (2) display all of the information enumerated by subsection b. of
34 this section;

35 (3) be organized primarily by the name of the contracting unit
36 publishing the request for proposals;

37 (4) be reviewed and updated at least once per month or more
38 frequently as new information becomes available or changes are
39 necessary; and

40 (5) provide an opportunity for the public to submit input and
41 feedback concerning the utility of the Internet database and
42 recommendations for its improvement.

43 d. All contracting units are directed to submit information on
44 all employment opportunities and requests for proposals to the
45 Department of Community Affairs and the Office of Information
46 Technology in order to comply with the requirements of this
47 section. Any changes to a request for proposals or in the status of

1 the request shall be promptly reported to the Department of
2 Community Affairs.

3 e. Nothing in this section shall require the disclosure of
4 information deemed confidential by State or federal law.

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6 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but section 1 shall
7 remain inoperative until July 1, 2011.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill requires the State Department of Community Affairs, in
13 consultation with the Office of Information Technology, design,
14 develop, and maintain a single, searchable Internet database, to be
15 known as "Bulletin NJ," that contains and displays information on
16 employment opportunities, requests for proposals, and other
17 government procurement opportunities published by a contracting
18 unit.

19 Under the provisions of this bill, the Internet database will
20 provide prospective bidders with the following information: (1) a
21 detailed description of the services required; (2) the format and
22 procedure to be followed in submitting proposals; (3) the specific
23 information which qualified vendors must provide in the proposal;
24 (4) a statement setting forth the relative importance of factors,
25 including cost, which the contracting unit will consider in
26 evaluating a proposal submitted by a qualified vendor; (5) the date
27 and time of day by which, and the place at which, the proposals
28 shall be submitted to the contracting unit; and (6) any other
29 information which the contracting unit deems appropriate.

30 By July 1, 2011 the Internet database will be available to the
31 public and must: (1) be accessible from the Department of
32 Community Affairs Internet website; (2) display all of the
33 information enumerated by subsection b. of this section; (3) be
34 organized primarily by the name of the contracting unit publishing
35 the request for proposals; (4) be reviewed and updated at least once
36 per month or more frequently as new information becomes available
37 or changes are necessary; and (5) provide an opportunity for the
38 public to submit input and feedback concerning the utility of the
39 Internet database and recommendations for its improvement.

40 The development of an Internet database will provide
41 prospective bidders with an easily accessible and comprehensive
42 "one stop" source of current information on local employment
43 opportunities and requests for proposals. This bill would improve
44 transparency in local government and make it easier for citizens,
45 groups, and local governments to access information concerning
46 employment opportunities and public bidding.