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Inter-Departmental Memo

To: Hon. Norma Gonsalves, Presiding Officer
Hon. Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader
All Members of the Nassau County Legislature

From: Maurice Chalmers, Director
Office of Legislative Budget Review

Date: April 22, 2016

Re: Clerk Item 141-16

Attached is a copy of the Fiscal Impact Statement for Clerk Item 141-16 which will be on the Legislative Calendar for the April 25 hearing.

141-16: A Local Law to add Title 82 to the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County in relation to ensuring Service-Disabled Veterans have greater participation in County contracts.



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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

TITLE:

A local law to add Title 82 to the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County in relation to ensuring Service-Disabled Veterans have greater participation in County contracts.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:

All Nassau County departments shall make good faith efforts to ensure State-Certified Veteran Businesses have a 6% participation rate in County contracts. That participation rate is separate from the current Minority and Woman's Business Enterprise (MWBE) goals required for minority based contracts. A State-Certified Business is defined as a business that is a certified Service-Disabled Veteran-owned business under the New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act. The business must be independently owned and operated and have significant business in New York State. Out of state businesses must make a contribution to the New York State economy through the payment of taxes, or the purchase of "made in New York State" construction, construction services, technology, commodities or products, or that it has any payroll in New York State¹.

The Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs shall be responsible for outreach to State-Certified Businesses to participate in public contract bidding opportunities and for maintaining a database of all State-Certified Businesses. In addition, all County departments and offices shall maintain documents reflecting their good faith efforts.

The Administration intends on utilizing the list of 208 Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOB) which have been certified by New York State (NYS). Not all the vendors are located within the State, there are 173 vendors or 83.2% of the total specifically located in the State of New York. A further breakdown of the NYS vendors shows 8 are in Nassau County, 17 in Suffolk, 12 in Manhattan, 9 in Brooklyn, 7 in Queens, 3 in Staten Island and 3 in the Bronx.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This local law would take effect immediately.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

To the extent that this local law results in a higher percentage of County contract dollars remaining in County, there will be a positive impact on both the local economy and County revenue streams.

¹ New York State Office of General Services, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Act – Application for Certification FAQs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The objective of this proposed local law is to provide Service-Disabled Veterans with greater opportunity to partake in County contracts. Although this proposal will result in more administrative work for the Office of Minority Affairs, it is not anticipated that additional staff will be needed as a result of this proposed law.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

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