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SMALL BUSINESS AND STATE PROCUREMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is in a critical period of economic rebuilding, and,

WHEREAS, such rebuilding can only be accomplished by the revitalization of small business, and,

WHEREAS, small businesses make fundamental contributions to their neighborhoods, communities, state and country, and,

WHEREAS, over half of all innovation originates from the small business community, and,

WHEREAS, ninety-eight percent of all Maine business enterprises are defined as small business, and,

WHEREAS, the following directives were recommended by the Blaine House Conference on Small Business,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do direct the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration, and particularly the Bureau of Purchases and the Bureau of Public Improvements, and the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, to:

a. Designate a position within the Bureau of Purchases and the Bureau of Public Improvements and the Department of Transportation to actively advocate for small business.

This position will provide subcontracting assistance and seek to have State contracts broken down to sizes able to be bid upon by small businesses. It would also urge prime contractors with the state to subcontract with small businesses.


b. Develop and institute a procedure, if one does not presently exist, to encourage the submittal of unsolicited proposals which, if found beneficial, would be converted into specification requirements and made the subject of competitive solicitation.

c. Establish a procedure to make special efforts to solicit bids from minority and women-owned businesses.

For the purposes of this Executive Order, small business shall be defined in the same manner as the United States Small Business Administration.

The Commissioners of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Transportation shall report to the Governor within six months regarding the establishment of these procedures.

This Executive Order will expire December 31, 1982.

  
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
Governor