2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 105

February 22, 2007 – Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

AN ACT to amend 16.75 (1) (a) 1. and 16.82 (intro.); and to create 16.75 (10r) and 16.82 (9) of the statutes; relating to: telephone company inquiry services by state agencies, authorities, and vendors.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill prohibits the Department of Administration (DOA), any agency to which DOA delegates purchasing authority, or any authorized legislative and judicial officer from entering into any contract or order to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, or services with an entity unless the entity maintains at least one telephone line that is staffed during its regular business hours by an individual who can respond to business inquiries.

The bill also directs DOA to ensure that each state agency and authority maintains at least one telephone line that is staffed during its regular business hours by an individual who can respond to business inquiries.

Currently, there is no similar requirement.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 16.75 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

16.75 (1) (a) 1. All orders awarded or contracts made by the department for all materials, supplies, equipment, and contractual services to be provided to any agency, except as otherwise provided in par. (c) and subs. (2), (2g), (2m), (3m), (3t), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10m), and (10r) and ss. 16.73 (4) (a), 16.751, 16.754, 50.05 (7) (f), 153.05 (2m) (a), 287.15 (7), and 301.265, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration life cycle cost estimates under sub. (1m), when appropriate, the location of the agency, the quantities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, and the purposes for which they are required and the date of delivery.

SECTION 2. 16.75 (10r) of the statutes is created to read:

16.75 (10r) The department, any other designated purchasing agent under s. 16.71 (1), any agency making purchases under s. 16.74, or any authority may not enter into any contract or order for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, or contractual services with a person unless the person maintains at least one telephone line that is staffed during its regular business hours by an individual who is able to respond to general inquires relating to its regular business functions and who is able to refer callers to appropriate subunits and employees.

SECTION 3. 16.82 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.82 Powers and duties of department of administration. (intro.) In addition to other powers vested in and duties assigned to the department of administration, it and its duly authorized representatives:

SECTION 4. 16.82 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

16.82 (9) Shall ensure that each agency and authority, as defined in s. 16.70, maintains at least one telephone line that is staffed during the regular business
hours of the agency or authority by an individual who is able to respond to general
inquiries relating to the functions of the agency and to refer callers to appropriate
subunits and employees of the agency or authority.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after
publication.

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