The Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division, Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS) propose revisions to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 2, Division 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter 8, Office of Small Business Procurement and Contracts, Sections 1896 – 1896.22. These rules are commonly referred to as the Small Business (SB) certification regulations.

This action is necessary to ensure existing regulations uphold Senate Bill 605 (Statutes of 2017, Chapter 673, Sections 3 & 4), amending Government Code (GC) Sections 14837 and 14838. Specifically, this law: (1) Created a new category of Small Business for the purpose of public works contract preferences; and (2) Adjusted upward existing eligibility size standards for the average annual gross receipts for other small businesses and microbusinesses certified by the Department of General Services. This triggers adjustment in existing SB rules Title 2, §§ 1896.4, 1896.12 and 1896.17 together with adoption of rule 1896.13 in accordance with APA necessity, clarity, consistency and nonduplication principles.

An accompanying Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) explains, in detail, the changes proposed and provides reasons why they are being contemplated. The current and proposed SB-Public Works regulation text, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the ISOR are available at the following web page:

- [http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/NoticeofRulemaking.aspx](http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/NoticeofRulemaking.aspx)

To access and/or download any of these documents, click on the appropriate link located at the web address above. Paper copies are also available for review at the OSDS public counter in Suite 1-400 of the Ziggurat Building, 707 Third Street, West Sacramento,
California, from 8 am to 5 pm, weekdays. The office is closed on holidays.

To request a paper copy of the Notice, text and ISOR email SBDVBEregulations@dgs.ca.gov and specify in the Subject line “SEND PAPER COPY OF PROPOSED SB PUBLIC WORKS RULE PACKAGE.” Please include your name and complete mailing address. You may also contact the OSDS at (916) 375-4589 to make the request.

A 45-day public review period opens on July 20, 2018 at 8 am and ends on Sep., 4, 2018 at 5 pm Comments on the draft regulations and submissions by interested persons or their authorized representatives will be accepted during this time. The DGS will consider only those comments received during the public review period specified above.

A public hearing will be held on Sep., 4, 2018 from 9 am to 12 pm, at the Auditorium of the DGS Ziggurat Building, located at 707 Third Street, 1st Floor, West Sacramento, California, 95605. This auditorium is wheelchair accessible. At this hearing, any person attending may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the proposed action. DGS requests, but does not require, that persons who offer oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing.

You may submit comments and/or questions to:

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