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**TO: Certified Small Businesses
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Small Business and DVBE Advocates
State Contracting Advisory Network
Small Business Advisory Council Members
CalVet DVBE Advisory Council Members**

**RE: Update on the 2015 Small Business Rulemaking and new information
regarding 2016 anticipated Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business
Enterprise Rulemaking Action**

Update on the 2015 Small Business Rulemaking Efforts

The Department of General Services (DGS), Procurement Division, Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS) is providing this update to California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 2, Division 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter 8, Office of Small Business Procurement and Contracts, Sections 1896 – 1896.22, rulemaking in progress. The above referencing section of CCR is also commonly known as the Small Business (SB) regulations. These regulations were reevaluated throughout 2015, including publication of proposed changes, a public comment period and incorporation of revisions based on the input of stakeholders specifically affected. Having the benefit of these contributions and with the acquisition of additional expertise with respect to technical aspects of rulemaking, OSDS is pleased to announce that this rulemaking initiative will continue in the upcoming year, with renewed momentum.

Scope of 2016 Rulemaking Efforts

Additions, deletions, consolidations and incorporation of previously chaptered legislation, as well as Assembly Bill 413 (Chapter 513, Statute of 2015) provisions concerning disabled veterans' survivor status, will be included. OSDS will publish and distribute a new Administrative Procedure Act (APA) compliant rulemaking proposal in late spring, encompassing changes in existing regulations, opening a public comment period and setting a public hearing date.

Recommendations, comments and testimony received during the 2015 public comment phase will have already been incorporated in the content of the 2016 package. A 45-day public comment period will follow, and after considering all timely and relevant suggestions, the 2016 regulatory proposal may be adopted. Should any substantive changes be incorporated on the basis of public comment, another review period will be announced before final adoption of any change in existing rules. It is DGS' expectation that the APA rulemaking adoption steps will be completed by this upcoming fall.

This informational broadcast is being sent to previously identified stakeholders and posted on the DGS web site at:

- <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/NoticeofRulemaking.aspx>

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