

**16C.17 ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Commissioners' duties.** The commissioners of administration and employment and economic development shall publicize the provisions of the purchasing programs in sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, attempt to locate small businesses or small targeted group businesses able to perform under the programs, and encourage participation through education, technical assistance, mentoring, and other means. When the commissioner of administration determines that a small business or small targeted group business is unable to perform under a program established in sections 16C.16 to 16C.21, the commissioner shall inform the commissioner of employment and economic development who shall assist the small business or small targeted group business in attempting to remedy the causes of the inability to perform the award. In assisting the small business or small targeted group business, the commissioner of employment and economic development in cooperation with the commissioner of administration shall use management or financial assistance programs made available by or through the Department of Employment and Economic Development, other state or governmental agencies, or private sources.

Subd. 2. [Repealed by amendment, 2007 c 133 art 2 s 3]

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