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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring agencies to develop and utilize a preferred vendor list to provide community-integrated translation and interpretation services and reporting in relation thereto

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 6 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 6-147 to read as follows:

§ 6-147 Preferred vendor list to provide for community-integrated translation and interpretation services. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Community-integrated translation and interpretation services. The term “community-integrated translation and interpretation services” means translation and interpretation services that community-based organizations provide and does not include telephonic interpretation services.

Covered agency. The term “covered agency” means every city agency that provides direct public services or emergency services.

b. Each covered agency shall develop a preferred vendor list of providers of community-integrated translation and interpretation services for at least 100 languages, including both common and esoteric languages as identified by the office of the language services coordinator, and utilize such list to procure translation and interpretation services not in excess of the small purchase limit provided in section 3-08 of title 9 of the rules of the city of New York.

c. Reporting required. No more than 180 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and quarterly thereafter, the city chief procurement officer shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and publish on the mayor's office of contract services website a report regarding the city's procurement of translation and interpretation services during the prior quarter. Such quarterly report shall include the following information regarding procurements for translation and interpretation services, disaggregated by covered agency:

1. The number of procurements for translation and interpretation services, disaggregated by language;

2. The number of small purchase procurements for translation and interpretation services, disaggregated by language;

3. The number of small purchase procurements for translation and interpretation services in which the city used a vendor that appears on a preferred vendor list as required by subdivision b, disaggregated by language;

4. The total dollar value of procurements for translation and interpretation services that utilized telephonic interpretation services;

5. The total dollar value of small purchase procurements that utilized a vendor that appears on a preferred vendor list as required by subdivision b; and

6. The total dollar value of small purchase procurements that did not utilize a vendor that appears on any such preferred vendor list.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the city chief procurement officer shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of any rules, before such date.

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