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**Tax Clearance Required for Approval of Certain Procurement Contracts**

Effective June 14, 2017, Act 211 (HB 307) of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature enacts R.S. 39:1624(A)(10) and 47:1678 to require a tax clearance for approval of certain state contracts.

Except as otherwise provided by R.S. 47:1678, beginning on October 1, 2017, no contract that requires the review and approval of the central purchasing agency, Office of State Procurement, for the procurement of personal, professional, consulting, or social services can be approved unless the chief procurement officer for the central purchasing agency has first obtained a tax clearance from the Department of Revenue indicating the proposed contractor is current in filing all tax returns and reports and payment of all taxes, interest, penalties, and fees owed to the state of Louisiana and collected by the Department of Revenue, excluding items under formal appeal pursuant to applicable statutes or being paid in compliance with the terms of an installment agreement with the Department of Revenue. A tax clearance is not required to bid on or solicit a procurement contract.

In any case where an assessment against a proposed contractor has become final and collectible by distraint and sale, the proposed contractor cannot be approved for a procurement contract until the contractor has filed all returns and reports due, paid, or made arrangements with the Department of Revenue to pay the delinquent tax liability, and the Secretary notifies the state chief procurement office of the payment or arrangement to pay.

Contractors who have failed to file any return or report required to be filed for any tax or pay any tax, interest, penalty, and fee due, or any portion thereof, are encouraged to contact Collection/Special Collections at (855) 307-3893. Inquiries may also be faxed to (225) 219-0864 or mailed to the following address:

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