



Ohio Revised Code

Section 125.112 Web site listing contract awards.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Agency" means a department created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Entity" means, whether for profit or nonprofit, a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, or other business entity. "Entity" does not include an individual who receives state assistance that is not related to the individual's business.

(3)(a) "State award" means a contract awarded by the state costing over twenty-five thousand dollars.

(b) "State award" does not include compensation received as an employee of the state or any state financial assistance and expenditure received from the general assembly or any legislative agency, any court or judicial agency, the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general and their respective offices.

(B) The department of administrative services shall establish and maintain a single searchable web site, accessible by the public at no cost, that includes all of the following information for each state award:

(1) The name of the entity receiving the award;

(2) The amount of the award;

(3) Information on the award, the agency or other instrumentality of the state that is providing the award, and the commodity code;

(4) Any other relevant information determined by the department of administrative services.



(C) The department of administrative services may consult with other state agencies in the development, establishment, operation, and support of the web site required by division (B) of this section. State awards shall be posted on the web site within thirty days after being made. The department of administrative services shall provide an opportunity for public comment as to the utility of the web site required by division (B) of this section and any suggested improvements.

(D) The web site required by division (B) of this section shall be fully operational not later than one year after the effective date of this section and shall include information on state awards made in fiscal year 2008 and thereafter. It shall also provide an electronic link to the daily journals of the senate and house of representatives.

(E) The director of administrative services shall submit to the general assembly an annual report regarding the implementation of the web site established pursuant to division (B) of this section. The report shall include data regarding the usage of the web site and any public comments on the utility of the site, including recommendations for improving data quality and collection. The director shall post each report on the web site.

(F) Each agency awarding a grant to an entity in fiscal year 2008 and thereafter shall establish and maintain a separate web site listing the name of the entity receiving each grant, the grant amount, information on each grant, and any other relevant information determined by the department of administrative services. Each agency shall provide the link to such a web site to the department of administrative services within a reasonable time after the effective date of this section and shall thereafter update its web site within thirty days of awarding a new grant. Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, the department of administrative services shall establish and maintain a separate web site, accessible to the public at no cost, which contains the links to the agency web sites required by this division.

(G) The attorney general shall monitor the compliance of an entity with the terms and conditions, including performance metrics, if any, of a state award for economic development received by that entity. As necessary, the agency that makes and administers the state award for economic development shall assist the attorney general with that monitoring. The attorney general shall



submit to the general assembly pursuant to section 101.68 of the Revised Code an annual report regarding the level of compliance of such entities with the terms and conditions, including any performance metrics, of their state awards for economic development. When the attorney general determines appropriate and to the extent that an entity that receives or has received a state award for economic development does not comply with a performance metric that is specified in the terms and conditions of the award, the attorney general shall pursue against and from that entity such remedies and recoveries as are available under law. For purposes of this division, "state award for economic development" means state financial assistance and expenditure in any of the following forms: grants, subgrants, loans, awards, cooperative agreements, or other similar and related forms of financial assistance and contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, task orders, delivery orders, or other similar and related transactions. "State award for economic development" does not include compensation received as an employee of the state or any state financial assistance and expenditure received from the general assembly or any legislative agency, any court or judicial agency, the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general and their respective offices.

(H) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the disclosure of information that is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.