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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Nick Miccarelli *NAM*  
**DATE:** March 25, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Legislation

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In the near future I plan to introduce legislation to establish contract participation goals for disabled veteran-owned businesses.

As you are likely aware, the Pennsylvania Procurement Code (Title 62) currently contains provisions that require the Department of General Services (DGS) to assist small and disadvantaged businesses in learning how to do business with Commonwealth agencies. The Department currently certifies minority and women businesses based on ownership criteria and encourages their participation in Commonwealth contracting.

I intend to introduce legislation that would amend the Procurement Code to provide for contract participation by disabled veteran-owned small businesses. Under this proposal, each agency would be required to establish an annual goal of at least 3% participation by disabled veteran-owned small businesses in all contracts. This goal would apply to the overall dollar amount expended on the contracts by the purchasing agency.

If a participation goal is not met in any fiscal year, the agency must identify in an annual report created under the bill the reasons the goal was not met and steps to be taken to achieve the goal in the future. The proposal also requires DGS to annually report on statewide goal achievement. Further, as is currently the case with women and minority-owned businesses, DGS would be required to also provide support to disabled veteran-owned businesses seeking state contract opportunities.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please contact Debby Garger in my Harrisburg Office at 787-3472 or by email at [dgarger@pahousegop.com](mailto:dgarger@pahousegop.com).