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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, E Coderre, Slater, Diaz, and San Bento

Date Introduced: May 10, 2011

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **37-2-81. Selected vendors and providers of Internet technology contracts required to**  
4 **complete contract.** – (a) In instances where Internet technology or “IT” contract(s) is/are  
5 awarded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 37-2 (“State Purchases”) to an IT contractor,  
6 said IT contract(s) shall provide that the IT contractor awarded said IT contract shall complete  
7 and fulfill said contract(s) to the satisfaction of the awarding authority in order to be eligible to  
8 participate in future state contracts. In the event the IT contractor is unable to complete the  
9 contract(s) and/or assigns said contract(s), or where said contract(s) is/are completed by a  
10 successor to the IT contractor originally awarded the contract(s), the original IT company shall be  
11 precluded from bidding, undertaking, or otherwise participating in any future contract(s) awarded  
12 pursuant to this chapter.

13 (b) As used herein:

14 (1) The term “Internet technology contract” or “IT contract” means any contract awarded  
15 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 37-2 (“State Purchases”) wherein the predominant  
16 portion of said contract relates and/or pertains to any combination of the following:

17 (i) The provision or service of anything related to computing technology, such as  
18 networking, hardware, software, the Internet, or the people that work with these technologies;

19 (ii) The management of computers, networks, and other technical areas; and

1           (iii) Computer programming, network administration, computer engineering, Web  
2 development, and/or technical support.

3           (2) The term “Internet technology contractor” or “IT contractor” means a provider or  
4 vendor of Internet technology services.

5           (3) The term “Internet technology” or “IT” shall refer to those services and products set  
6 forth and described in subparagraphs (b)(1)(i-iii) of this section.

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require any IT company awarded an IT contract pursuant to chapter 37-2  
2 (“State Purchases”) to complete said contract or be precluded from future participation in state  
3 purchases contracts.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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