

## **ACT 395 of 2015**

In an effort to increase efficiency in the distribution of federal grant funds and provide more educational opportunities for students enrolled in Louisiana colleges and universities, the Legislature enacted ACT 395 of 2015, which requires that agencies advertise federally-funded research opportunities to Louisiana higher education institutions. <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?p=y&d=95843>.

The Board of Regents will post these contracting opportunities and RFPs on its website, which is accessible to vendors, educational institutions, and user agencies. See: <http://www.regents.la.gov/notification>.

Therefore, contracts for social services or consulting services which are 100% federally funded and which are solicited by RFP must be advertised through the Board of Regents' electronic notification system, in addition to being posted on LaPAC and advertised in the newspaper, as otherwise required by law.

### **Any agency sending RFPs and contracts for approval through OSP-PC must certify compliance with this new law by doing the following:**

- Notifying the Board of Regents of the RFP through its electronic notification system. Ensure that you have highlighted which services could be performed by a student or an employee of a postsecondary educational institution.
- Attaching the revised La. R.S. 39:1623 certification letter when submitting contracts to OSP for approval. The letter will show that the requirements of La. R.S. 39:136 have been met, by advising the Board of Regents that services called for are the type readily susceptible of being performed by persons who are employed by or students of a postsecondary institution of the state. <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=919945>.
- A copy of the revised letter, including the certification language, is attached and will be posted to the OSP website.

If you have any questions, please contact the OSP Professional Contracts Help Desk at [DOA-PCHelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:DOA-PCHelpdesk@la.gov) or 342-8010.