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Term and Condition (T&C) – Small Business Services:

Fiscal 2015 Term and Condition in relation to Workforce One Programs administered by Department of Small Business Services. In relation to the funding in the units of appropriation 010 and 011 for Workforce One programs, the Department of Small Business Services shall provide to the Council, no later than April 1, 2015, a summary detailing the zip codes and census tracts or council districts in which each Workforce One registrant resides.

Rationale:

Due to cuts in Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding, the City has had difficulties funding workforce development programs and renewing Dislocated Worker contracts. As a result, the number of Workforce One centers will most likely decrease and the agency has tried to absorb larger populations into the City’s existing Workforce One centers (which may be located in areas inaccessible to those who would utilize such services and centers). This T & C would require the publication of Workforce One registrants’ residential zip code, census tract, or Council District, which would allow Council Members to guide registrants towards the resources and opportunities available closest to the registrant’s place of residence.

Overview:

The City Charter authorizes the Council to attach terms and conditions to any unit of appropriation in either the expense budget or the capital budget that impose certain requirements as a condition of spending. These requirements often consist of reporting on indicators related to the progress of spending the appropriated funds, or certain programmatic aspects of the spending. The Fiscal 2015 Budget for the Department of Small Business Services includes a term and condition that requires a report related to Workforce One Programs.

Frequency of Reporting:

The term and condition requires that no later than April 1, 2015 the Department of Small Business Services provide to the Council a summary detailing the zip codes and census tracts or council districts in which each Workforce One registrant resides.

The Department of Small Business Services provided all the necessary information to address the term and condition on April 9, 2015.

Analysis of the T&C:

The Department of Small Business Services has provided the number of Workforce1 registrants from 7/1/2014 to 3/31/2015 by zip code, council district and census tract of Workforce1 registrants based on the location of customer residence. The list is attached. For the reporting period, there were 85,389 Workforce 1 registrants. Of the 85,389 registrants, 15,974 reside in the Bronx, 22,608 reside in Brooklyn, 10,347 reside in Manhattan, 16,194 reside in Queens and 7,447 reside in Staten Island. For 12,819 Workforce 1 registrants location of customer residence was not available and not provided to the Council by the Department of Small Business Services. The Department of Small Business Services runs 17 Workforce 1 centers of which 4 are in Brooklyn, 5 in Queens, 3 in Manhattan, 2 in Staten Island and 3 in the Bronx. The largest number of Workforce 1 registrants resides in Brooklyn followed by Bronx, Queens, Manhattan and Staten Island.