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TO: [Empire State Development Commissioner Hope Knight](#)

Following up voice messages I left yesterday and today with the press office, 800-260-7313, after calling [your listed Albany number](#), 518-292-5100, and being routed to 212-803-3281, which was for the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development and VP & Deputy Director for Agency Services and Business Development Dawn Sanders, on which I left a voice message yesterday and which was full today, I seek publicly-available records pertaining to the "Newspaper & Broadcast Media Jobs Program" ([Economic Development Law Article 27](#)), which was enacted last year, *via* the budget, as [Part AAA of Education, Labor and Family Assistance Budget Bill #S.8306-C/A.8806-C \(at pp. 201-205\)](#), and, specifically:

1. "regulations establishing an application process and eligibility criteria", pursuant to [§496](#), including the "certificate of tax credit" and, pursuant to [§494](#), the application forms;
2. records as to the process by which the regulations and forms were developed, most importantly the opportunity for public comment;
3. list of approved applicants and the amounts of moneys already disbursed to them;
4. list of disapproved applicants – and the reasons for the disapproval.

Please advise where I can find this information on your website – and, if not posted, why it is not posted – or, alternatively, for such records pursuant to FOIL.

Thank you.

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