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Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:59 AM
To: 'PressOffice@esd.ny.gov'
Subject: **Follow-up -- "Newspaper & Broadcast Media Jobs Program" -- Economic Development Law Article 27**

Dear Emily,

Following up our phone conversation, just concluded, below is your e-mail to me about which I am requesting clarification, *to wit*, the specific "Article VII" budget bill (& part) in which the proposed modification appears.

Thank you.

Elena
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From: Mijatovic, Emily (ESD) <Emily.Mijatovic@esd.ny.gov>
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Subject: RE: "Newspaper & Broadcast Media Jobs Program" -- Economic Development Law Article 27

Elena: The Executive Budget proposes a modification to the statutory language, and pending that potential change, regulations will be issued once the legal language is finalized. A period of public comment will follow once regulations are issued. All recipients will be listed in the Database of Economic Incentives. Those who did not receive the credit would not be listed.

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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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