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TO: Department and Agency Directors of Human Resources, Personnel and Affirmative Action Officers, Equal Opportunity Specialists, Diversity and Inclusion Specialists

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SUBJECT: Posting Requirements for 55-c Eligible Positions

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On November 11, 2019, in continued support and respect for the veterans that have served our state and nation, Governor Cuomo signed a package of bills to enhance and bolster protections for New Yorkers who serve or have served in the Armed Forces.

[Senate Bill 3300 \(S.3300/A.6297\)](#) requires employers to prominently indicate if a work opportunity is 55-c eligible. [Section 55-c of the Civil Service Law](#) authorizes 500 positions be set aside for disabled veterans. This is a reminder that all agencies must prominently display in their job postings when a job is 55-c eligible, so that qualifying veteran applicants know of the opportunities available to them. To that end, each eligible posting should contain the following language in a space allocated for ‘additional comments’:

This position may be designated 55 b/c and is subject to verification of applicant eligibility.

For questions or technical assistance, regarding the 55b/c program, please contact Nichole Harden in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Management at (518) 473-8961, or send an email to diversityandinclusion@cs.ny.gov.

For questions regarding posting eligibility, please contact Staffing Services at 518-473-6437.