

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES (DWS), RULES AND REGULATIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) proposes adopting a new rule, DWS-Endow Priority Sector Business Grants (PSBG) Program, Chapter 1, which will affect the Department's rules and regulations.

The Department proposes to add Chapter 1, DWS-Endow Priority Sector Business Grants (PSBG) Program, due to a new statute change, W.S. §§ 9-2-2609 through 9-2-2611; 2018 Session Law Chapter 128. The new statute, effective July 1, 2018, establishes a grant program based on the Wyoming ENDOW (Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming) strategic plan, which was completed August 1, 2018. The strategic plan will identify what priority sector businesses to focus on for diverse economic development in Wyoming.

The overall design of the PSBG program requires DWS to partner with the Wyoming Business Council, the Attorney General's office and with the Governor's office. DWS will also partner with businesses throughout Wyoming as well as with eligible training providers, which include the University of Wyoming, community colleges, an entity operated by a tribal government or an entity approved to provide workforce training.

The PSBG program will provide training funds through DWS to train and educate employees in new jobs for new and/or existing businesses, which will result in business expansion and the production of high wage and high skill jobs. This endeavor will increase earning potential and employment opportunities for Wyoming employees as well as enhance and diversify the state's economy.

The new rule includes definitions, a pre-application process, application requirements, business compliance requirements, application approval process, and reporting requirements.

Written comments should be submitted to the following address by **October 22, 2018**.

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A public comment period will end at close of business on **October 22, 2018**.

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