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## **DWD Sets Public Hearing on Wisconsin Fast Forward Administrative Rules**

*Agency to gather testimony July 15 on proposed rules for \$15 million training grant program;  
Since June 14, DWD has accepted written comment; July 17 deadline for submissions by mail or email*

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, July 15, on proposed administrative rules governing \$15 million in worker training grants, part of Governor Walker's Wisconsin Fast Forward initiative that received nearly unanimous support in the Legislature in March.

"We have developed a strong framework to administer the worker training grants, and as part of the rule making process, we invite workers, employers, educators and other stakeholders to comment," DWD Secretary Reggie Newson said. "We are moving with dispatch to launch a program that is nimble, effective, and accountable to the taxpayer by the end of the year."

The proposed rules frame key elements of the grant program, which will be administered through the new DWD Office of Skills Development. The proposed rules address issues such as:

- Criteria to award grants, including written proposals and evaluation standards.
- The extent to which matching funds will be required.
- Required reports to document spending activities and report outcomes.

The hearing Monday, July 15, will begin at 10 a.m. in B 103 of the G.E.F. 1 Building, 201 E. Washington Avenue, in Madison. For more details about the hearing, see the complete hearing notice at: [http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/admin\\_rules/documents/rule\\_801/notice\\_of\\_hearing.pdf](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/admin_rules/documents/rule_801/notice_of_hearing.pdf).

The text and an analysis of the proposed administrative rules can be found at: [http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/admin\\_rules/documents/rule\\_801/rule\\_text\\_and\\_analysis.pdf](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/admin_rules/documents/rule_801/rule_text_and_analysis.pdf).

Since June 14, DWD has been accepting written comments on the proposed rules. The deadline for written comments, submitted by mail or email, is July 17.

Written comments may be submitted to Howard Bernstein, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Workforce Development, P.O. Box 7946, Madison, WI 53707-7946, or by email to [Howard.Bernstein@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Howard.Bernstein@dwd.wisconsin.gov). Written comments will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.