

IDAPA 47 - DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

47.01.01 - RULES OF THE IDAHO DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

DOCKET NO. 47-0101-1501

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 33-2301, Idaho Code, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and all subsequent amendments.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Interested persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must respond to this notice by contacting the undersigned either in writing, by email, or by calling the phone number listed below. To participate, responses must be received by September 11th, 2015.

Should a reasonable number of persons respond to this notice, negotiated meetings will be scheduled and all scheduled meetings shall be posted and made accessible on the agency website at the address listed below.

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusions reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary and made available on the agency website.

Failure of interested persons to respond to this notice of intent or the lack of a sufficient number of responses to this notice of intent may result in the discontinuation of further informal proceedings. In either event the agency shall have sole discretion in determining the feasibility of scheduling and conducting informal negotiated rulemaking and may proceed directly to formal rulemaking if proceeding with negotiated rulemaking is deemed infeasible.

Person's wishing to participate may contact Tracie Bent at the Office of the State Board of Education, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0037 or tracie.bent@osbe.idaho.gov, to schedule a meeting or provide written comments. All meeting dates, locations, and teleconference information will be posted on the Board of Education website at www.boardofed.idaho.gov.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

The Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) Field Service Manual contains internal processes to IDVR as well as eligibility and program requirements for the people and agencies IDVR serves. Currently this manual is incorporated by reference into Idaho Administrative Code, IDAPA 47.01.01. IDVR has identified a number of processes in the Field Service Manual that belong, more appropriately, in a policies and procedures manual of the agency, the proposed changes would remove these sections and make technical corrections to the field service manual.

CONTACT INFORMATION, WEB ADDRESS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, contact Tracie Bent at (208)332-1582 or tracie.bent@osbe.idaho.gov. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the State Board of Education website once drafted at the following web address: www.boardofed.idaho.gov.

All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before September 23rd, 2015, electronic comments must be submitted to tracie.bent@osbe.idaho.gov.

DATED this 7th Day of August, 2015.

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