IDAPA 47 - DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

47.01.02 - RULES AND MINIMUM STANDARDS GOVERNING EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DOCKET NO. 47-0102-1601

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, 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 Sections 33-2211 and 33-2303, Idaho Code, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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 June 15, 2016.

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

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.

Upon the 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.

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:

Proposed amendments would make technical corrections including clearer definitions and language surrounding the referral and eligibility requirements and the program year for the Extended Employment Services Program. Changes to the program year will allow for better fiscal program management by aligning the Extended Employment Services Program to the Idaho state fiscal year.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, requests for special meeting accommodations or accessibility), contact Nanna Hanchett, Field Services Chief at (208) 334-3390 or nanna.hanchett@vr.idaho.gov. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation web site at the following web address: http://vr.idaho.gov/.

DATED this 2nd Day of May, 2016.

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