

WSR 23-11-169
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
ENTERPRISE SERVICES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Small public works procurements.
Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject:
SSSB [2SSB] 5268, chapter 395, Laws of 2023.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They
Might Accomplish: SSSB [2SSB] 5268 updates small works procurement
rules to enhance administrative efficiency, promote the utilization
and growth of small business, and maintain protections to the labor
work force.

The department of enterprise services (DES) rules under chapter
200-330 WAC, Small works roster, address small public works procure-
ment by state agencies and will need to be updated to meet DES's rule-
making requirements and to align with the intent and direction of SSSB
[2SSB] 5268.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and
the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: There are no
federal agencies that regulate this subject. The office of minority
and women's business enterprises (OMWBE) will be developing rules re-
lated to SSSB [2SSB] 5268. DES will consult with OMWBE through the de-
velopment of the DES rules.

Process for Developing New Rule: DES staff will include anyone
interested in participating with DES in developing a proposed rule. An
opportunity will also be provided for anyone to submit written com-
ments on the proposed rules during the public comment period and
present oral testimony at the public hearings. The public is encour-
aged to participate in all agency rule making. Specific opportunities
to participate in agency rule-making activities are provided on the
DES rule-making website <https://des.wa.gov/policies-legal/rulemaking>.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the
new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by
contacting Jack Zeigler, email jack.zeigler@des.wa.gov, website
<https://des.wa.gov/about/policies-laws-rules/rulemaking>.

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