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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
ENTERPRISE SERVICES

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Small business use and spending. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 39.26.090, 43.19.011, and 43.19.725.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rules are needed to support Washington state strategies to increase agencies' spending with small businesses and meet related requirements in state law.

The intent of these rules is to boost state use of Washington small businesses by making sure contracting and spending benefits are going to small businesses as intended by the legislature.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The department of transportation, institutions of higher education, and the office of minority and women's business enterprises regulate similar but different aspects of increasing state business with Washington small businesses. We will work with these agencies during the development of the proposed rule to make sure the similar aspects are aligned and in harmony.

Process for Developing New Rule: We encourage anyone interested to participate in all our rule making. We will include anyone interested in developing a proposed rule with us. We will give anyone an opportunity to comment in writing on the proposed rules during the public comment period and give oral testimony at the public hearings. Opportunities to participate in our rule-making activities will be listed on our 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/policies-legal/rulemaking>.

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