

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (“Department” or “NMDWS”) hereby gives notice that the Department will conduct a public hearing in the Leo Griego Auditorium at the State Personnel Office (Willie Ortiz Building) located at 2600 Cerrillos Road in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505 on December 5, 2019 at 1:00 pm. The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input and public comment on the addition of a new section of the Apprenticeship Manual (NMAC 11.2.3) as it applies to the Energy Transition Act.

Summary: The Department is proposing an additional section to the Apprenticeship manual, NMAC 11.2.3 to implement regulations governing the requirement of hiring apprentices for the construction of facilities that generate energy as required by the Energy Transition Act, NMSA 1978 Chapter 65 to include the methods the Department shall employ to monitor compliance and to encourage diversity among participants, participation by the underrepresented groups associated with certain apprenticeship programs and to facilitate participation from disadvantaged communities.

Under Sections 9-26-4, 13-4D-4, and 21-19A-6, NMSA 1978, the Department of Workforce Solutions Labor Relations Division has authority to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement provisions of the Apprenticeship Assistance Act and the State Apprenticeship program.

Interested individuals may testify at the public hearing or submit written comments to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, N.M., 87103, attention Andrea Christman. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on December 4, 2019. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/> or obtained by calling Andrea Christman at (505) 841-8478 or sending an email to Andrea.Christman@state.nm.us. The proposed rules will be made available at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting are asked to contact Ms. Christman as soon as possible. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.