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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 conference room of the Human Rights Bureau located at 1596 Pacheco Street Suite 103 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505 on December 15, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The public comment hearing will also be conducted virtually.

Zoom Meeting link: https://zoom.us/j/99052420729?pwd=RkJmeTJUSVREUHo1WTVlck9pb2NJdz09 Meeting ID: 990 5242 0729 Passcode: b1mNML

The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input and public comment on proposed amendments to the State Apprenticeship Policy Manual

Summary: The proposed amendment will outline the new protocol for the State Apprenticeship Council to include changes to the agenda and will add provisions for unemployment compensation eligibility in certain apprenticeship circumstances.

Under NMSA 1978 §9-26-4, §13-4D-4, and §21-19A-6, 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 are encouraged to submit written comments to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, N.M., 87103, attention Andrea Christman prior to the hearing for consideration. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on December 14, 2020. However, the submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged.

Copies of the proposed rule may be accessed online at **https://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 rule 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.