

## 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 May 25, 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The public comment hearing will also be conducted virtually. Instructions regarding how to join the virtual meeting will be posted on the NMDWS website at <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/>. The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain input and public comment on an amendment to 11.2.4 NMAC.

Summary: new definition of Chief Elected Official, addition/expansion of public comment process to include deadlines, and inclusion of provisions for consultation between the State, the local development boards, and the CEOs in the regional designation process.

Under Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. Chapter 32, Subchapter I, WIOA USDOL Final Rule 20 C.F.R. 683, et al, and NMSA 1978 §§50-14-1 et seq, NMDWS is the agency responsible for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the Department has legal authority for rule making.

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 May 24, 2021. 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](mailto: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.