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## State seeks comments on proposed vendor debarment rules

Public comment is being sought on proposed rules that will allow the director of the Department of Enterprise Services to debar a vendor from future state contracting opportunities:

- If the director finds cause.
- Provides notice to the vendor and any affiliates.
- Gives an opportunity to be heard.

The proposed rules are posted on the department's website at: <a href="http://des.wa.gov/about/LawsRules/Pages/RuleMaking.aspx">http://des.wa.gov/about/LawsRules/Pages/RuleMaking.aspx</a>.

The department will take public comment on the proposed rules until March 25, 2013.

Written comments should be submitted using the online form available at: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DESRulemaking">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DESRulemaking</a>.

A public hearing is scheduled for March 13, 2013. More details about the public hearing, including the location, will be coming soon.

The rules were published in the Washington Register on January 16, 2013.

The creation of debarment rules is required under a state law that consolidates procurement laws under Enterprise Services. The 2013 law aims to make the state's procurement process more transparent, competitive and efficient.

If you are interested in following or participating in this rule-making activity, please send an email to <u>rules@des.wa.gov</u> and include "debarment rules interested party" in the subject line.

You will be added to the rule-making mailing list and will receive future notifications and updates.

## For more information

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