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Proposed debar or impose civil fines rulemaking has begun

The Department of Enterprise Services is announcing the release of proposed rules governing the process to debar or impose civil fines.

The proposed rules provide an option, at the discretion of Enterprise Services, to fine in lieu of debarment for certain statutory causes that otherwise could be a basis for debarment. A fine in lieu of debarment, if timely paid, would not be a debarment order. Of the numerous statutory reasons for debarment, fines in lieu of debarment could be available for:

- Serious Contract Violations;
- Ethics Violations.

You can find the proposed rules and related information about the rulemaking process on the Department's rulemaking website; <https://des.wa.gov/about/laws-rules-policies/current-rulemaking>. The rules will also be published in Issue 18-08 of the Washington Register. The comment period for this rulemaking is from March 23, 2018 until May 11, 2018, with a public hearing scheduled for May 8, 2018.

If you are interested in following or participating in this rule making activity, please send an email to rules@des.wa.gov 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.

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