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Proposed debarment procedure rulemaking has begun

The Department of Enterprise Services is announcing the release of proposed debarment procedure rules.

The rules will establish the debarment process required by procurement reform legislation, RCW 39.26.200. Under this new law, the director of the Department of Enterprise Services may 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.

You can find the proposed rules and related information about the rulemaking process on the Department's rulemaking website; <http://des.wa.gov/information-about-laws-rules>. The rules will also be published in the Washington Register on January 16, 2013. The comment period for this rulemaking is from present until March 25, 2013, with a public hearing scheduled for March 13, 2013.

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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