

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ARM 8.99.806 pertaining to the) ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT
implementation of the Primary Sector)
Workforce Training Program)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On June 29, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing in Room 226 of the Park Avenue Building, 301 South Park Avenue, Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rule.

2. The Department of Commerce will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Department of Commerce no later than 5:00 p.m., June 27, 2017, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Bonnie Martello, Department of Commerce, 301 South Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200501, Helena, Montana 59620-0501; telephone (406) 841-2596; TDD (406) 841-2701; facsimile (406) 841-2771; or e-mail to bmartello@mt.gov.

3. The rule as proposed to be amended provides as follows, new matter underlined, deleted matter interlined:

8.99.806 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF RULES GOVERNING SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS (1) The department adopts and incorporates by reference the ~~2017~~ 2019 Biennium Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant Application Guidelines, with the guidelines being posted on the Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant web site, as rules governing the submission and review of applications under the program.

(2) remains the same.

(3) Copies of the ~~2017~~ 2019 Biennium Primary Sector Workforce Grant Application Guidelines adopted by reference in (1) may be obtained from the Department of Commerce, Business Resources Division, 301 South Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200501, Helena, Montana 59620-0501, or on the web site at ~~<http://wtg.mt.gov/default.mcp>~~ <http://marketmt.com/WTG>.

AUTH: 39-11-202, MCA

IMP: 39-11-202, ~~90-11-202~~, MCA

REASON: The 2019 Biennium Primary Sector Workforce Training Grant Application Guidelines are incorporated, by reference, into the rules to streamline the process for applicants and thereby making the program more accessible and easily understood. The state statute explicitly details the program's procedures.

4. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments in written form or a request for opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments in oral form to: Annmarie Robinson, Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development, 301 South Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200501, Helena, Montana, 59620-0501; telephone (406) 841-2744; TDD (406) 841-2731; facsimile (406) 841-2771; or e-mail to arobinson3@mt.gov, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., July 7, 2017.

5. The department maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list may make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies for which program the person wishes to receive notices. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to the Department of Commerce, 301 South Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200501, Helena, Montana 59620-0501, by fax to (406) 841-2701, by e-mail to bmartello@mt.gov, or by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the department.

6. An electronic copy of this proposal notice is available through the Secretary of State's web site at <http://sos.mt.gov/ARM/Register>. The Secretary of State strives to make the electronic copy of the notice conform to the official version of the notice, as printed in the Montana Administrative Register, but advises all concerned persons that in the event of a discrepancy between the official printed text of the notice and the electronic version of the notice, only the official printed text will be considered. In addition, although the Secretary of State works to keep its web site accessible at all times, concerned persons should be aware that the web site may be unavailable during some periods, due to system maintenance or technical problems.

7. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

8. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the department has determined that the amendment of the above-referenced rule will not significantly and directly impact small businesses.

/s/ G. Martin Tuttle
G. Martin Tuttle
Rule Reviewer

/s/ Douglas Mitchell
Douglas Mitchell
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Certified to the Secretary of State May 30, 2017.