

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Arkansas Department of Human Services
Administrative Procedures Manual
Chapter 601, DHS Purchasing Authority General Provisions

Pursuant to U.S. Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981, Ark. Code Ann. Sec. 25-10-101 et seq., Act 218 of 1983, and Act 348 of 1985, the Chief Fiscal and Administrative Officer, Department of Human Services (DHS), is revising the Administrative Procedures Manual, Chapter 601, DHS Purchasing Authority General Provisions.

The revision will provide clarification of purchasing responsibilities for the Office of System Technology and redefine the terms for “facilities”, “solicitations”, “contracts”, “minority” and “current”. There are additions and clarifications within Procedures for Section IV- Purchasing Documents, Section V- Approvals, Section VIII- Methods of Procurement and Section IX- Business Associate Agreement. This will update the Manual to be in accordance with the latest federal and state laws and regulations regarding purchased services.

The rule will be effective August 30, 2010.

Copies of the rule may be obtained by writing to the Office of Finance and Administration, P.O. Box 1437, Slot WG3, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437, Attention: Policy and Administrative Program Management. All comments about the proposed revision must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date appearing below or 30 days following the date of the newspaper notice, whichever is the longer period.

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