

## **Notice of Rule Making and Public Hearing**

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is developing new Guidelines for administering the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Program, as authorized by authority granted under § 15-4-209(b)(5), and as required by Act 813 of 2017.

The Guidelines define the process by which the Arkansas Economic Development Commission will administer the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Program by specifying:

- A. Criteria for Selecting Qualifying Projects Undertaken by a Public Entity;
- B. Criteria for Selecting Among Competing Proposals;
- C. Timelines for Selecting a Qualified Respondent;
- D. Guidelines for Negotiating a Comprehensive Agreement; and
- E. Guidelines for Allowing Accelerated Selection of Qualified Respondents.

The Guidelines also define terms germane to the program and delineate an application process by which public entities shall submit public-private partnership projects.

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is soliciting comments on the new Guidelines filed with the Secretary of State on August 3, 2017. A public hearing for the proposed Guidelines will be held at 9:00 am on September 8, 2017, at the Arkansas State Library, Bessie Moore Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 900 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

Proposed Guidelines are on the department's website [www.ArkansasEDC.com](http://www.ArkansasEDC.com) or may be obtained by calling (501) 682-7308. Written comments may be submitted through September 8, 2017, by mailing them to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Strategic Planning and Research Division, 900 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by faxing them to (501) 682-7499. Comments will also be accepted via email at [knaumann@ArkansasEDC.com](mailto:knaumann@ArkansasEDC.com).