NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council is proposing new rules for the State Drug Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Fund.

The proposed rules would establish the framework through which multijurisdictional drug task forces would apply for and receive consideration for funding from the State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Fund, and would establish procedures to be used by the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council in reviewing and determining these awards. Procedures which would be used by the Department of Finance and Administration in developing grant applications and administering awards and expenditures from this fund are also proposed within these rules.

The proposed rules are posted and may be viewed at the Secretary of State's website http://www.sos.arkansas.gov and on the Department of Finance and Administration's website

http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/newsEvents/Pages/news.aspx. You may contact the State Drug Director's Office to obtain a written copy.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 1:00 PM at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Old Commission Room, #1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas. Public comments should be submitted at least one day in advance of the meeting, and may be submitted by mail to: State Drug Director, #1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209 or by email to steve.varady@asp.arkansas.gov. Anyone planning to attend the hearing needing special facilities or assistance relating to any disability should contact the State Drug Director's Office by phone at 501-618-8693 or email no later than three days prior to the hearing to assure that assistance is available at the hearing.