

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**  
**Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing**

**Notice of Rulemaking and  
Implementation of Executive Order 08-01**

The Division of Purchases posted a notice of public hearing with the Office of the Secretary of State on Friday October 17, 2008 regarding proposed amendments to the State Procurement Regulations. The amendments to these rules and regulations implement Executive Order 08-01. This Executive Order requires all persons and entities doing business with any Executive Branch department or agency to utilize a federally approved work authorization program to ensure that all newly hired employees of said person or entity have complied with all applicable federal immigration laws.

A copy of the public notice, concise statement and the proposed amendments has been posted on the Division of Purchases' website. As stated in the public notice, any comments should be sent to Lorraine Hynes at lhynes@purchasing.state.ri.us as an email or an email attachment. It was also requested that all such comments should be submitted by Wednesday December 3, the scheduled date for the public hearing on the rules.

Based on its finding that any substantial delay in implementing Executive Order 08-01 might imperil the public health, safety, and welfare, the Department of Administration has filed emergency regulations implementing Executive Order 08-01. These emergency regulations were filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on Friday October 17, 2008 and became effective upon filing. A copy of the emergency regulations, accompanied by the statement of need, has also been posted on the Division of Purchases' website.

It should be noted that the substance of the emergency regulations and the proposed amendments to the State Procurement Regulations are the same. In order to comply with the rulemaking requirements, it was necessary to file the two sets of rules in different formats.