

PUBLIC NOTICE
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Administration
Division of Purchases

Public Notice of Proposed Rule-Making

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. sections 37-2-18 and 22, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act R.I.G.L. section 42-35, the Department of Administration hereby gives notice of its intent to amend State of Rhode Island Procurement Regulations.

The purpose of the amendment is to comport with the requirements of R.I.G.L. section 37-2-18, which was enacted on June 25, 2010. That law provides for redacted public copies of the bid proposals submitted by vendors to Division of Purchases for proposals exceeding one million dollars effective January 1, 2011; on January 1, 2012 all proposals exceeding five hundred thousand dollars; and on January 1, 2013 all other proposals submitted. Additionally, Section 5.10 was amended to reflect the delegation authority found in R.I.G.L. section 37-2-22. The small purchases delegated authority amount is being changed from five thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars for construction contracts, and from two thousand and five hundred dollars to five thousand dollars for all other purchases.

The proposed regulation and concise summary are available for public inspection at www.purchasing.ri.gov, in person at the Department of Administration, Division of Purchases, One Capital Hill, Providence, RI, or requested by email at LHynes@doa.ri.gov, or by calling 401-574-8100.

In the development of the proposed amendment, consideration was given to: (1) alternate approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulations by Friday, December 17, 2010 to Lorraine Hynes, Purchasing Agent, Division of Purchases, Department of Administration, One Capital Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A public hearing to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on Friday, December 17, 2010 at 1 pm at the Department of Administration Building, 2nd floor, Conference A, located at One Capital Hill, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The room is accessible to the disabled and interpreter services for the hearing impaired will be provided if requested 48 hours prior to the hearing. Requests for this service can be made in writing or by calling 401-574-8100 or TDD.