

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTE ON ELECTRONIC HEARING:** To reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (the virus that causes COVID-19) and pursuant to section 12 of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197, the Department of Administrative Services is conducting this hearing virtually through electronic means. During the hearing, any person affected by the proposed rule actions who wishes to appear and be heard **must participate electronically**. Information on how to participate in the hearing is provided below.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DAS)**, pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be conducted for the purpose of considering the rescission of the following rules contained in the Ohio Administrative Code.

The public hearing will be conducted online on **August 14, 2020** beginning at **1:00 p.m.**, via the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#). If unable to use the link, you may call [+1 614-721-2972](tel:+16147212972), and enter conference id: 906 651 760#. All interested persons affected by the proposed actions may be heard by oral or written testimony.

The following rules are being rescinded:

- 123:2-15-02 Bid notifications and specifications concerning minority business enterprises.**
- 123:2-15-03 Minority set aside review board established.**
- 123:2-15-04 Application to the minority set aside review board.**
- 123:2-15-05 Minority set aside review board procedures for emergency contracts.**
- 123:2-15-06 Minority set aside review board notice of meetings.**

These rules are being rescinded because the authorizing legislation has since been repealed. The minority set aside review board was created by former R.C. 123.151(C)(4), and DAS was authorized to adopt rules concerning the board by former R.C. 123.151(C)(5). These provisions were repealed in 2004 by HB 216 of the 125th General Assembly, and the Minority Set Aside Review Board no longer exists.

Copies of the proposed rules are available from:

- Dept. of Administrative Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 E. Broad St., Suite 4023, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-644-1773;
- Register of Ohio website: <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us>

**All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.** Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony are encouraged to contact the Department of Administrative Services through [sharon.jennings@das.ohio.gov](mailto:sharon.jennings@das.ohio.gov), no later than August 13, 2020 at 5 p.m., and may be given preference in the order of their testimony.

**All interested persons providing written comments in lieu of oral testimony** are also encouraged to send their comments, no later than August 14, 2020 at 5 p.m. to:

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