

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 adoption and amendment of the following rules contained in the Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio Adm. Code).

The public hearing will be conducted on **Monday, March 20, 2017**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.**, in the **Lobby Hearing Room, located at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**. All interested persons affected by the proposed actions may be heard by oral or written testimony.

The following rule is being proposed for **amendment**:

123:5-1-01 Definitions.

Inserts definitions for Active service, Armed forces, Chief executive, Competitive manner, Discharged under honorable conditions, Emergency, Employee, Evidence of satisfactory service, Honorably discharged, Products, Produced, Purchase, Record verifying veteran status, Supplies, Veteran, Veteran employment standard, and Veteran-friendly business enterprise.

The following rule is proposed for **adoption**:

123:5-1-16 Implementation of veterans preference program.

The rule will define the procedures necessary to implement the veteran-friendly business procurement program.

Copies of the proposed rules are available from:

- Dept. of Administrative Services, 30 E. Broad St., Suite 4023, Columbus, Ohio 43215;
- 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 at 614-644-1773, no later than **Monday, March 13, 2017**, 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 **Monday, March 13, 2017**, to:

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