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DATE: September 26, 2025
TO: All Interested Persons
FROM: Arkansas Economic Development Commission
SUBJECT: Proposed Repeal of the Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Certification Program Rules

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission's (the "AEDC") proposed repeal of its Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Certification Program Rules.

Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, and all other applicable statutes or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on October 15th, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the Diamond Mine Room on the second floor of the offices of the Arkansas Department of Commerce, 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether the AEDC should repeal the existing program rules. AEDC is proposing the repeal in order to maintain compliance with Act 116, which was enacted during the 2025 Regular Session.

All interested persons are encouraged to send their comments, statements, or opinions to the address below or to attend the Public Hearing and present, orally or in writing, statements, arguments, or opinions on the proposed amendments. The record will remain open for public comment until the close of the 30-day period outlined in the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act; in this instance, October 28th, 2025.

Persons who wish to testify or make comments are requested to submit intended statements in writing in advance of the Public Hearing. Inquiries should be directed to: Jake Windley, Director of Legislative Affairs & Policies, Arkansas Department of Commerce, 501-682-5355, email: jake.windley@arkansas.gov. A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained or viewed at <https://www.arkansasedc.com/data-reports/rules>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jake Windley".

Jake G. Windley
Director of Legislative Affairs & Policies
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