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**Clearinghouse Rule 10-044**

Ronald Sklansky, Director  
Administrative Rules Clearinghouse  
Wisconsin Legislative Council  
1 East Main Street, Suite 401  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Sklansky:

**TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Chapter Comm 124

RELATING TO: The Forward Innovation Fund

Pursuant to section 227.15 of the Statutes, agencies are required to submit copies of the proposed rules to the Legislative Council for review .

The attached proposed rules are in the form and style specified by section 227.14 of the Statutes, and are being forwarded to you for review . Also attached are copies of a transmittal letter to the Legislative Reference Bureau, public notice, fiscal estimate, and initial regulatory flexibility analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Leinenkugel  
Secretary





Bruce Hoesly, Code Editor  
Legislative Reference Bureau  
Suite 200  
1 East Main Street  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mr. Hoesly:

**TRANSMITTAL OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF HEARING  
AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Chapter Comm 124

RELATING TO: The Forward Innovation Fund

AGENCY UNIT RESPONSIBLE: Division of Business Development

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:  YES  NO

CONTACT PERSON: Sam Rockweiler TITLE: Code Development Consultant

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Pursuant to sections 227.14 (4m) and 227.17 of the Statutes, agencies are required to transmit a written notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council and a written notice of hearing to the Legislative Reference Bureau, for publication in the Administrative Register.

On the date on this letter the department is submitting proposed rules to the Legislative Council and is submitting the following material to you:

1. Notice of Public Hearing or 30-Day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
2. Fiscal Estimate.
3. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.
4. Draft of Proposed Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Leinenkugel  
Secretary

COM-10546 (R.01/05)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to section 560.033 of the Statutes, the Department of Commerce will hold a public Hearing on emergency rules and proposed permanent rules in chapter Comm 124 relating to the Forward Innovation Fund, and affecting small businesses.

The public Hearing will be held as follows:

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday  
May 26, 2010  
Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:**

Thompson Commerce Center, Third Floor, Room 3B  
201 West Washington Avenue  
Madison, Wisconsin

Interested persons are invited to appear at the Hearing and present comments on the emergency rules and proposed permanent rules. Persons making oral presentations are requested to submit their comments in writing, via e-mail. Persons submitting comments will not receive individual responses. The Hearing record on this rulemaking will remain open until May 28, 2010, to permit submittal of written comments from persons who are unable to attend the Hearing or who wish to supplement testimony offered at the Hearing. E-mail comments should be sent to [sam.rockweiler@wi.gov](mailto:sam.rockweiler@wi.gov). If e-mail submittal is not possible, written comments may be submitted to Sam Rockweiler, Department of Commerce, Division of Environmental and Regulatory Services, P.O. Box 14427, Madison, WI 53708-0427.

This Hearing will be held in an accessible facility. If you have special needs or circumstances that may make communication or accessibility difficult at the Hearing, please call Sam Rockweiler at (608) 266-0797 or at Contact Through Relay at least 10 days prior to the Hearing date. Accommodations such as interpreters, English translators, or materials in audio tape format will, to the fullest extent possible, be made available upon a request from a person with a disability.

The emergency rules and proposed permanent rules and an analysis of the rules are available on the Internet by entering "Comm 124" in the search engine at the following Web site: <https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home>. Paper copies may be obtained without cost from Sam Rockweiler at the Department of Commerce, Division of Environmental and Regulatory Services, P.O. Box 14427, Madison, WI 53707, or at [sam.rockweiler@wi.gov](mailto:sam.rockweiler@wi.gov), or at telephone (608) 266-0797, or at Contact Through Relay. Copies will also be available at the public Hearing.

Any inquiries for the small business regulatory coordinator for the Department of Commerce can be directed to Sam Rockweiler, as listed above.

COM-10543 (R.06/04)



State of Wisconsin \ Department of Commerce

# HEARING DRAFT OF PROPOSED RULES

**Rule No.:** Chapter Comm 124

**Relating to:** The Forward Innovation Fund



# INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

## Department of Commerce

RULE NO.: Chapter Comm 124

RELATING TO: The Forward Innovation Fund

1. Types of small businesses that will be affected by the rules.

Businesses choosing to pursue grants and loans for undertaking innovative projects for strengthening inner cities; rural municipalities; entrepreneurship; and industrial, academic and artistic clusters.

2. Reporting, bookkeeping and other procedures required for compliance with the rules.

An application form prescribed by the Department must be completed and submitted to the Department. Grants and loans that are awarded may be issued in conjunction with contracts that require periodic reporting of the ensuing performance.

3. Types of professional skills necessary for compliance with the rules.

No new professional skills are necessary for compliance with the rules.

4. Rules have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

No Rules not submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Yes Rules submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board



# **NOTICE of ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

## **Department of Commerce**

Rule No.: Chapter Comm 124

Relating to: The Forward Innovation Fund

Notice is hereby given that the Department has considered the environmental impact of the proposed rules. In accordance with chapter Comm 1, the proposed rules are a Type III action. A Type III action normally does not have the potential to cause significant environmental effects and normally does not involve unresolved conflicts in the use of available resources. The Department has reviewed these rules and finds no reason to believe that any unusual conditions exist. At this time, the Department has issued this notice to serve as a finding of no significant impact.

