

**TITLE 610. STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 11. Purchasing

610:1-11-16. Professional and Personal services contracts [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule changes address the following issues:

The Regents currently have exceptions to the purchasing policy for professional service contracts that do not include the services of education professionals. The Regents often have projects, programs and initiatives that require the unique expertise of education professionals who are intimately familiar with the Oklahoma K-12 or Higher Education systems and possess the necessary skills to achieve the goals established by the Regents. In addition to education professionals familiar with Oklahoma, there are also national and international education experts whose research and experience is invaluable to the Regents and their constituents. These individual professionals provide services that provide new perspectives and approaches that assist the agency in successfully performing essential agency functions and completing agency missions.

The proposed rule changes address the issue of hiring suitable education professionals in an efficient and cost effective manner. The process still requires written justification for all hires and provides for final approval of all personnel by the Chancellor or his designee.

AUTHORITY:

70 O.S. §3206 (o); 74 O.S. §85.3A (A) (2) and (3)

COMMENT PERIOD:

Interested persons may submit written and oral comments to David B. Harting, Associate General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104, by 5:00 p.m., December 17, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, one can be requested by contacting David B. Harting, Associate General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 by 5:00 p.m., December 17, 2014.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 on and after November 17, 2014.

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