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Ronald Sklansky, Director Administrative Rules Clearinghouse Wisconsin Legislative Council One East Main Street, Suite 401 Madison, WI 53702

Dear Mr. Sklansky:

Please find enclosed a proposed Order to create Chapter Adm 24 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for your review, analysis and recommendations. Also enclosed is a fiscal estimate for the proposed rule.

The Department of Administration solicits bids from, awards contracts to and approves subcontracts with only responsible businesses and individuals according to procedures specified in Chapters Adm 20 and 21. The proposed rule establishes the policies and procedures for the debarment and suspension of contractors that have either had past contract performance problems, or have committed offenses under the law. For example, criminal offenses in connection with a public contract, violation of an antitrust statute relating to bids, theft, forgery, false statements and obstruction of justice. Debarment and suspension are appropriate means to effectuate this policy.

The Department's authority for amending these rules is found in ss. 16.004(1), 16.855(15), and 227.11, Stats.

If you have any substantive questions regarding the rules, please contact Mark Saunders at 266-9810. Donna Sorenson at 266-2887 is the person responsible for the internal processing of the rules.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Morgan Secretary of Administration

cc: Mark Saunders Bruce Hoesly, LRB