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Hearing set on rules for awarding tribal language revitalization grants

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, in Room 041 of the GEF 3 Building, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, to take public testimony on emergency and proposed permanent rules for awarding \$247,500 in grants to revitalize tribal languages.

The 2009-11 biennial budget bill established this new competitive grant program to support innovative instruction in one or more American Indian languages. The emergency and proposed permanent rules establish criteria and procedures for awarding grants to eligible applicants: school districts or cooperative educational service agencies that partner with a tribal education authority to provide instruction in an American Indian language or languages. The proposed rules specify the types of activities the grants may fund and the elements required in the grant application. As established by the emergency and proposed permanent rules, applications for the 2009-10 school year are due Jan. 29. For the 2010-11 school year and subsequent years, grant applications will be due March 1.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. A copy of the administrative rules and fiscal estimate are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/pb/rulespg.html>. Copies of these materials also are available by sending an e-mail request to lori.slauson@dpi.wi.gov or by writing to Lori Slauson, budget analyst and administrative rules coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841. Written comments on the proposed rules may be submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses above no later than Jan. 22 and will receive the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

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