

495—31.6(17A) Regulatory analysis.

31.6(1) Definition of small business. A “small business” is defined in Iowa Code section 17A.4A(7).

31.6(2) Mailing list. Small businesses or organizations of small businesses may be registered on the agency’s small business impact list by making a written application addressed to IPERS, 7401 Register Dr., P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117. The application for registration shall state:

- a. The name of the small business or organization of small businesses;
- b. Its address;
- c. The name of a person authorized to transact business for the applicant;
- d. A description of the applicant’s business or organization. An organization representing 25 or more persons who qualify as a small business shall indicate that fact; and
- e. Whether the registrant desires copies of Notices of Intended Action at cost, or desires advance notice of the subject of all or some specific category of proposed rule making affecting small business.

The agency may at any time request additional information from the applicant to determine whether the applicant is qualified as a small business or as an organization of 25 or more small businesses. The agency may periodically send a letter to each registered small business or organization of small businesses asking whether that business or organization wishes to remain on the registration list. The name of a small business or organization of small businesses will be removed from the list if a negative response is received, or if no response is received within 30 days after the letter is sent.

31.6(3) Time of mailing. Within seven days after submission of a Notice of Intended Action to the administrative rules coordinator for publication in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, the agency shall mail to all registered small businesses or organizations of small businesses, in accordance with their request, either a copy of the Notice of Intended Action or notice of the subject of that proposed rule making. In the case of a rule that may have an impact on small business adopted in reliance upon Iowa Code section 17A.4(2), the agency shall mail notice of the adopted rule to registered businesses or organizations prior to the time the adopted rule is published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin.

31.6(4) Qualified requesters for regulatory analysis—economic impact. The agency shall issue a regulatory analysis of a proposed rule that conforms to the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2) “a” after a proper request from:

- a. The administrative rules coordinator;
- b. The administrative rules review committee.

31.6(5) Qualified requesters for regulatory analysis—business impact. The agency shall issue a regulatory analysis of a proposed rule that conforms to the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2) “b” after a proper request from:

- a. The administrative rules review committee;
- b. The administrative rules coordinator;
- c. At least 25 or more persons who sign the request provided that each represents a different small business;
- d. An organization representing at least 25 small businesses. That organization shall list the name, address and telephone number of not less than 25 small businesses it represents.

31.6(6) Time period for analysis. Upon receipt of a timely request for a regulatory analysis, the agency shall adhere to the time lines described in Iowa Code section 17A.4A(4).

31.6(7) Contents of request. A request for a regulatory analysis is made when it is mailed or delivered to the agency. The request shall be in writing and satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(1).

31.6(8) Contents of concise summary. The contents of the concise summary shall conform to the requirements of Iowa Code sections 17A.4A(4) and 17A.4A(5).

31.6(9) Publication of a concise summary. The agency shall make available, to the maximum extent feasible, copies of the published summary in conformance with Iowa Code section 17A.4A(5).

31.6(10) Regulatory analysis contents—rules review committee or rules coordinator. When a regulatory analysis is issued in response to a written request from the administrative rules review committee, or the administrative rules coordinator, the regulatory analysis shall conform to the

requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2) “a,” unless a written request expressly waives one or more of the items listed in the section.

31.6(11) *Regulatory analysis contents—substantial impact on small business.* When a regulatory analysis is issued in response to a written request from the administrative rules review committee, the administrative rules coordinator, at least 25 persons signing that request who each qualify as a small business or by an organization representing at least 25 small businesses, the regulatory analysis shall conform to the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2) “b.”