

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Title of Rule: Rhode Island Ready Program

Rule Identifier: 880-RICR-00-00-5

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 09/15/2021

End of Public Comment: 10/15/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § R.I. Gen. Laws 42-64.10

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

In March 2021, Rhode Island voted to provide \$40.0 million dollars for QDC to implement a site readiness program with the intent of preparing industrial sites and facilities for manufacturing, assembly, distribution, production, processing, offshore wind, and other job-producing activities. The rules are required to allow QDC to implement the program.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until October 15, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The rules apply to an opt-in grant/funding program that will be administered by QDC. QDC must comply with the rules, while property owners, municipalities and utility/infrastructure providers may apply to be enrolled in the program. The \$40.0 million in bond funding dedicated to this program will prepare industrial sites for

development, spurring job creation, tax generation and private investment. Any impact to business or society will be positive.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.