A copy of the Declaratory Statement may be obtained from: Paula P. Ford, Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, Sadowski Building, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Florida, Department of Corrections, has issued a response to a Petition to Initiate Rule-Making received from inmate Douglas Adams. Adams petitioned to amend Florida Administrative Code Chapter 33 to include a provision prohibiting staff harassment of inmates. The Department denied the petition, finding that the current rules provide sufficient safeguards to protect inmates from staff harassment.

A copy of the Order, Case No. DC 00-13, may be obtained by contacting: Gary L. Grant, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Corrections, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Florida, Department of Corrections, has issued a response to a Petition to Initiate Rule-Making received from inmate Terry Dunn. Dunn petitioned to amend Florida Administrative Code Chapter 33-103.005 to include a provision prohibiting the circulation of copies of informal grievances among Department staff. The Department denied the petition, finding that when there are grievance issues regarding complaints against staff or where staff would be involved in the resolution of an issue, contact with the staff would be a necessity. The Department also noted that inmates should present issues of improper staff retaliation through the grievance process, where inquiry/investigation may be conducted and resolution may be provided on a case-by-case basis.

A copy of the Order, Case No. DC 00-14, may be obtained by contacting: Gary L. Grant, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Corrections, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500.

# Section VIII Notices of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

General Motors Acceptance Corporation vs. Department of Revenue; Rule No.: 12B-4.053(33)(e) and (f); Case No.: 00-1406RX

General Motors Acceptance Corporation vs. Department of Revenue; Rule No.: 12B-4.053(34); Case No.: 00-1407RU

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination have been filed by the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

### **NONE**

## Section IX Notices of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

### **NONE**

### Section X Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

#### **NONE**

### Section XI Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and **Purchasing**

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Request for Applications for Available Funding The Florida Department of Education, Division of Workforce Development announces the availability of instructions and forms for preparing applications for funding for fiscal year 2001, effective dates July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-220).

- Book I Continuation Projects, May 31, 2000, 5:00 p.m.
- Book II New Projects, June 30, 2000, 5:00 p.m. EST

The Quick Response Family Literacy Projects are due May 1, 2000. The effective dates are May 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000.

Eligible recipients will be provided direct and equitable access to these funds based on competitive applications. All federally funded projects must comply with the Steven's Amendment of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act (Section 8136). Mail applications to:

Jerry Barnett, Director