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SPARK Gears Up for the DoL Fiduciary Regulations

In gearing up for the final DoL fiduciary regulations the [SPARK Institute](#) will be hosting planning workshops in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 9-10 and Denver, Colorado May 12-13.

Executive director of SPARK, **Tim Rouse** states in a news release that they are hosting these workshops "so we can gain a broader industry perspective," regarding the [soon-to-be-released](#) fiduciary regulations.

During a conversation with **401kWire**, Rouse lists: [Davis & Harman](#), [Oculus Partners](#), [Bridgepoint Consulting](#), [Deloitte](#) and [Brightwork Financial Services](#) as consultancies who have "stepped up to help facilitate breakout sessions." Rouse also tells **401kWire** that "while we do not anticipate additional workshops, there may be follow ups on the various work groups."

The two-day workshops will include a detailed overview of the final fiduciary regulations and "a series of workshop breakout discussions." According to the news release the breakout discussions will cover: "Advisor Plan Sales, Plan Advisor Services, Product Design, Client Relations, Participant Communications, IRA Rollovers, Legal & Compliance and Technology Platforms."

SPARK is pitching the workshops to: KPAs, relationship managers, ERISA counsel and risk managers, IRA rollover managers and product managers. The goal will be "to analyze the impacts, and develop ideas and plans for complying with the newly released regulations," the news release goes on to state.

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