

A bill for an act

relating to state government; requiring Department of Human Services to issue a request for proposals for an integrated online eligibility and application portal for food support, cash assistance, child care, and health care programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS; COMBINED ONLINE**

APPLICATION.

(a) The commissioner of human services shall issue a request for proposals for a contract to implement an integrated online eligibility and application portal for food support, cash assistance, child care, and health care programs. The request for proposals must require that the system recommended and implemented by the contractor:

(1) streamline eligibility determination and case processing in the state to support statewide eligibility processing;

(2) enable interested persons to determine their eligibility for each program, and to apply for programs online in a manner such that the applicant will be asked only those questions that relate to the programs the person is applying for;

(3) leverage technology that has been operational in production in other similar state environments; and

(4) include Web-based application and worker application processing support and opportunity for expansion.

(b) Based on responses to the request for proposals, the commissioner shall enter into a contract for the services specified in paragraph (a) by October 1, 2011. The contract must incorporate a performance-based vendor financing option whereby the vendor shares in the risk of the project's success.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.